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Capt. Noel Detoyato, a Southern Command spokesperson, said another

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FBI chief warns RP of al-Qaida threat

Bin Laden's men could seek refuge in region

By Christine Herrera

MEMBERS of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network might flee Afghanistan and seek refuge in the Philippines and six other countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said this was the gist of US Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Robert Mueller's briefing when they met last night.

Mueller arrived yesterday from Bangkok on the fifth leg of his Southeast Asian tour that had also taken him to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Jakarta.

Golez met with Mueller at the official residence of US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone Jr. in Forbes Park, Makati City.

Mueller is scheduled to hold talks today with President Macapagal-Arroyo on the US-led global war on terrorism.

"The FBI is concerned that al-Qaida members in Afghanistan would flee and try to hide in various places, including Southeast Asia," Golez told the INQUIRER.

"I assured FBI Director Mueller that the Philippines has a tight terrorist watch set up on orders of President Macapagal-Arroyo immediately after

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TWO awe-struck women watch American paramedics S/Sgt. David Christensen and S/Sgt. Mark Godfrey examine patients during a medical mission inside Philippine Army headquarters in Campo Uno in Lamitan, Basilan. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

US request a 'cover' for combat troops, says opposition

By Christine O. Avendaño, Carlito Pablo and Martin P. Marfil

THE US request to bring in more American troops—albeit as "civic action personnel"—is a "cover" to "legitimize (US) combat operations" in the Philippines, the chief opposition leader in the House of Representatives said yesterday.

"It proves what we have long been saying, that the Balikatan is not a mere military exercise but combat operations (against the Abu Sayyaf)," House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla said in a phone interview.

The request is an "indication of an escalation of activities" of the US military here, Padilla said. It "serves as (a) cover to legitimize the combat operations, make it acceptable and palatable to the people."

"It's *pampapogi* (meant to make them look good)," he added.

Party-list Rep. Satur Ocampo (Bayan Muna) said bringing in non-combat US personnel was aimed at "winning the hearts and minds and support of the Moro people."

"It's part of the propaganda to make the US presence acceptable here . . . as acceptable as American culture, such as their food and songs," Ocampo said in a separate phone interview.

A militant group of fisherfolk charged that the requested increase in the number of US troops was already "a done deal."

US/A20

Toxic waste dumping in Cavite, Bulacan assailed

By Gerald G. Lacuarta
in Manila
and Carmela Reyes
PDI Central Luzon Desk

RESIDENTS of a subdivision in Imus, Cavite, and of a barangay in Plaridel, Bulacan, are living in fear because toxic wastes are being dumped in their midst.

Last week, homeowners in Barangay Anabu I-A in Imus finally decided enough was enough.

They asked Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez to cancel the Environmental Compliance Certificate of Haz-Serve Corp. and to close down the firm, which they accuse of storing spent oil and ink, water sludge and metal dust in their area.

"We have this great fear because they now have hundreds of tons of toxic and hazardous wastes stored in and transported to their treatment facility, knowing that they don't have the capacity, equipment and machinery to treat them," the residents said in a letter to Alvarez dated March 12.

They claim that Haz-Serve Corp. has as many as 10 truckloads of spent oil and wastewater sludge from Rex Technology, five truckloads of spent ink and oil from Epson Precision Philippines, and eight truckloads of metal dust from Mikado Philippines stored at its facility at any given time.

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SUPPORT GROUP

Mothers of 'heart babies' unite

COMMON concern for their children with heart ailments binds these women. From left: Maribel and Rodin Aguirre, Almira and Joshua Perez, Eden and Jerden Sampang, and Jenny and Dajed Montojo.

By Donna S. Cueto

IT WAS a Monday, and the children were playing together as normal kids do. Their mothers looked on happily, grateful that their children didn't turn blue with exhaustion.

Mere months ago, the kids wouldn't only have done so; they would have been unable to play in the first place.

The children were beneficiaries of free heart surgery in New York City, and the occasion was a reunion of sorts. For the first time, the children and their mothers met as a group. Out of last month's meeting, an idea took shape.

"We want to help other mothers like us," said Jenny Montojo. "We know the feeling and we want to help just as we had been helped by strangers who took time out to give our kids that gift, a second chance at life."

Montojo's daughter, 2-year-old Dajed, was the first Filipino beneficiary

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Hike in ODA funds shows sound economic management

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

WHILE the nation was on edge last week over the threat of political unrest stemming from the arraignment of former President Joseph Estrada for perjury in the Sandiganbayan, the concern blotted out the news that the World Bank announced a total development assistance for the Philippines from donor countries in the amount of $2.8 billion.

The $2.8-billion ODA (official development assistance) tops the $2.6 billion committed to the Philippines during the Consultative Group meeting in Tagaytay City sponsored by the World Bank in June 2000 just as the Estrada administration was lurching toward its political crisis.

The increase in the pledges in ODA funds, which followed the Consultative Group meeting last week, is an expression of confidence in the economic management of the Macapagal administration.

This, despite the bad news about Estrada's vicious attacks on the judicial system and threats to incite the poor to march in the streets in protest against the alleged conspiracy of the political and judicial establishment to rig his trial on plunder charges.

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List-up of youth voters April 22-27

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE COMMISSION on Elections will hold a special registration for Filipinos aged 15 to 17 on April 22-27 so that they can vote in the Sangguniang Kabataang elections on July 15.

The youth polls will be held simultaneously with the barangay elections.

Although befuddled with controversies, the Comelec will work to conduct the youth registration in all precincts nationwide, according to Commissioner Resurreccion Borra.

Borra said this would ensure that the postponement of the SK polls, earlier scheduled for May 6, would not cause the disenfranchisement of young voters.

"It will not cause disenfranchisement but will just simplify procedures," Borra said. "Besides, we do not want the Sangguniang Kabataan to be known as Sangguniang Katigulangan."

Concerns of disenfranchisement were raised after Congress decided to hold synchronized elections for barangay and youth officials to cut costs and allow the Comelec enough time for technical preparations.

But the legislators also resolved that only registered voters aged 15 to 17 would be allowed to cast their ballots for the SK polls while those aged 18 and above would vote in the barangay elections.

In an en banc session on Thursday, Comelec Chair Alfredo Benipayo, Commissioners Florentino Tuason Jr. and

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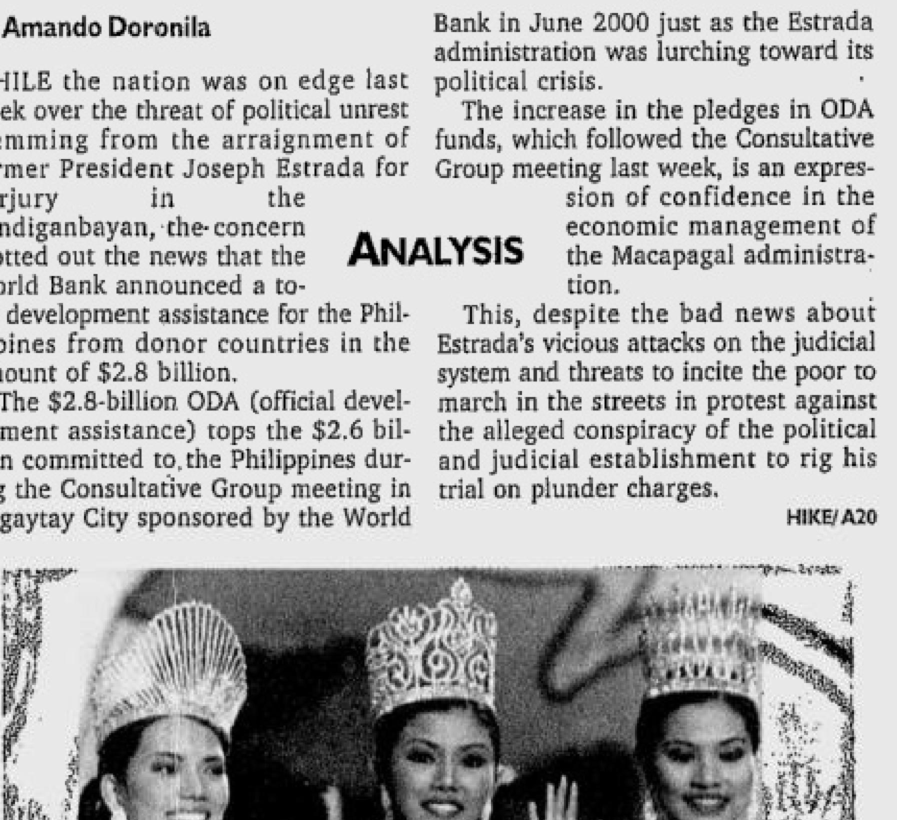

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Jakarta asks Manila to clarify arrests

INDONESIA has demanded clarification from the Philippines on the arrest of three Indonesians in Manila on suspicion of terrorism, a report quoted by Agence France Presse said Sunday.

Police in Jakarta have contacted their Philippine counterparts for further details about Wednesday's arrests, Indonesian National Police spokesperson Insp. General Saleh Saaf was quoted by the Kompas daily as saying.

"We have so far only read about the matter in the media, domestic and foreign, which may not necessarily be accurate," Saaf said.

Philippine police said Wednesday they had arrested eight suspected terrorists, including three Indonesians, believed linked to the al-Qaida terror network of Osama bin Laden, suspected instigator of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Police intelligence sources named the three Indonesians as Agus Dwirkana, Tamsil Linrung and Abdul Jammal Balsas. The others arrested were a Japanese and four Middle Eastern nationals but their identities and other details about them were not known.

Police said the three Indonesians were suspected members of Jema'ah Islamiyah, a militant group linked to al-Qaida and operating in several Southeast Asian countries.

Saaf said Indonesian police had contacted Philippine immigration officials to obtain more details about the three, including where and when their passports were issued and when they left the country.

The three were arrested at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport late Wednesday as they were about to board a commercial flight for Bangkok. Press reports said explosive materials and other incriminating items were found in their luggage.

One of the three admitted to being a key lieutenant of a Muslim cleric who had praised Bin Laden, Philippine police sources said Sunday.

Dwikarna told investigators he was a member of several Indonesian militant groups and was fourth in command of the Indonesian Mujahidin Council (MMI), an umbrella group advocating imposition of strict Islamic law in Indonesia, the police sources said.

The MMI is led by Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir, who was also named by Singapore and Malaysia as a leader of Jema'ah Islamiyah, which was alleged to be behind an aborted plot to blow up American targets in Singapore earlier this year.

Ba'asyir has denied any links to international terror but had praised Bin Laden as "a true Muslim fighter."

Dwikarna also told Philippine police he was overall commander of a group called Laskar Jundullah and a chapter head of Dewan Dakwah Islamiyuah (DDI).

The DDI, linked to the former ruling Golkar Party, was set up to coordinate Islamic missionary activities through preachings and sermons, while Laskar Jundallah advocates imposing Sharia law for Indonesia's 80 percent Muslim population.

Investigators also established that Dwikarna, a civil engineer by training, had illegally entered Mindanao previously in 1989 and 1991, the sources said.

Linrung, another Indonesian detainee, told police he was a DDI member as well as treasurer of the National Mandate Party (PAN), the sources said.

Reports in Jakarta described Linrung as an entrepreneur with a chain of restaurants and businesses in construction and agriculture.

He is also a member of the advisory board of the Committee for the Preparation of the Enforcement of Islamic Sharia, and was treasurer of PAN until he quit the party post in January.

Abdul Jamal Balfas said he is manager of PT Bumi Daya Kutat, which he described as a contractor for an Indonesian mining firm, according to the police sources.

Balfas told police an Indonesian friend had invited him to the Philippines to study the possibility of investing in a coal mining venture in Mindanao, the sources said.

The al-Qaida network has been linked to a bloody destabilization campaign in the southern Philippines which could be part of its plot to seize power in Southeast Asia, officials in Manila have said.

Another Indonesian suspect, Fathur Rahman al-Ghozi, said to be an explosives expert, remains in detention after his arrest in Manila in January. *AFP*

FBI chief arrives in Manila

US Federal Bureau of Investigation director Robert Mueller arrived in Manila yesterday for talks with President Macapagal-Arroyo on the US-led international anti-terrorism campaign.

Mueller flew in from Bangkok on the fifth leg of a tour through Southeast Asia that has also taken him to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Jakarta.

US Embassy officials here declined to discuss his itinerary, but Ms Macapagal's aides said the President will receive Mueller at Malacañang today.

More than 600 US troops are advising Filipino soldiers hunting down the Abu Sayyaf Muslim guerrillas in Basilan. Both governments say the group has links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. *AFP*

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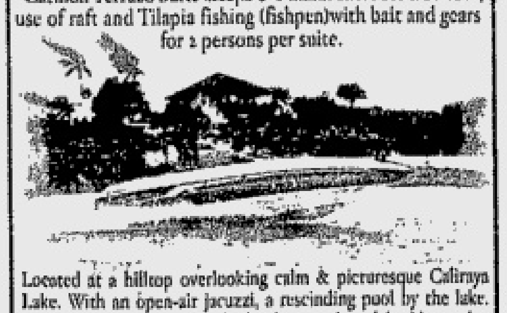

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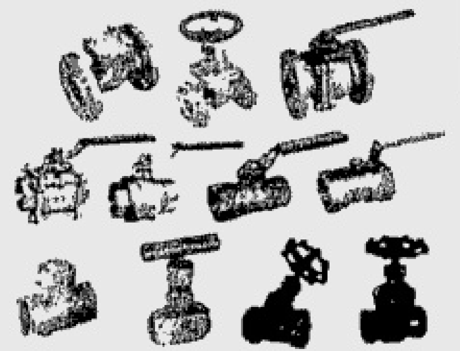

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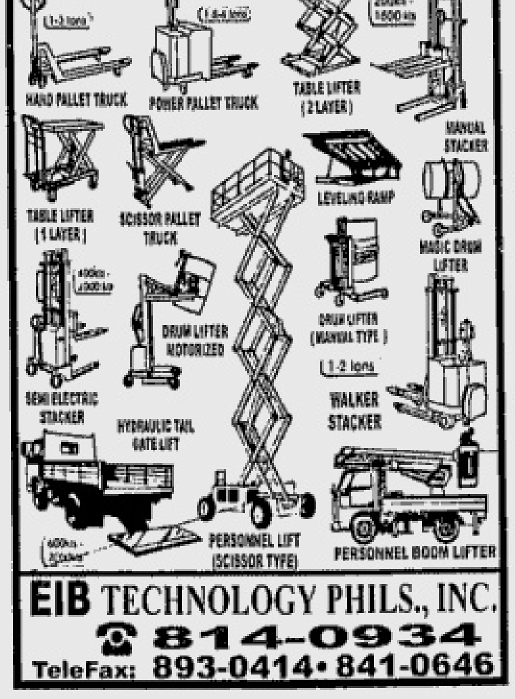

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Flood of deportees alarms mayor

30,000 expected to arrive in Zamboanga from Sabah

By Rolly A. San Juan
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Expect a surge of some 30,000 Filipinos deported by Malaysia to arrive in this city in the coming days, the Department of Labor and Employment said. "This is another headache," said Mayor Ma. Clara Lobregat, adding her city could not accommodate all of the returnees.

Lobregat hoped the boats carrying the deportees would pass the city by and drop their passengers in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi or Jolo, Sulu, where most of them came from.

Lobregat also asked all government agencies concerned to help the deportees return quickly to their places of origin.

The mass return of Filipinos from Sabah, Malaysia, as a result of a crackdown on undocumented aliens in that country prompted the city council to pass a resolution asking the Department of Social Welfare and Development to develop a plan to handle the situation.

The resolution was sponsored by Councilor Juan Climaco Elago, who said the mass return should be considered a crisis.

"This is an incident which the city government cannot cope with alone as it has international repercussions," Elago said.

The regional consular office of the Department of Foreign Affairs here reported that since January, over 3,000 Filipinos have arrived in this city from Sabah.

The latest arrivals who came on Wednesday numbered 921 and were mostly from Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Cotabato.

The arrivals are housed at the Mayor Joaquin Enriquez Memorial Sports Complex as the DSWD office in Sta. Barbara could not accommodate them all. Last year, 13,000 deportees arrived here.

DSWD Regional Director Parisya Taradji and other government officials are expected to meet with Philippine Ambassador to Malaysia Jose Brillantes in an effort to resolve the situation.

Mayor's killer commits suicide

BATANGAS CITY—The suspected killer of Lian Mayor Sixto Vergara was reportedly found dead Saturday afternoon in Barangay 9, Catbalogan, Samar.

Police said suspect Juancho Tolentino shot himself in the head with the .45-caliber pistol he reportedly used in killing Vergara.

Police found inside Tolentino's Samar residence a .45-caliber pistol, two empty shells, a cell phone, wallet and two residence certificates.

He allegedly used the name Edgar Mendoza while hiding in Samar.

Tolentino shot Vergara in front of his wife and daughter inside the mayor's residence early morning of Feb. 18. Vergara, 51, died on the spot.

A former police officer and a friend of Vergara, Tolentino reportedly killed the mayor due to an old grudge. ***Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

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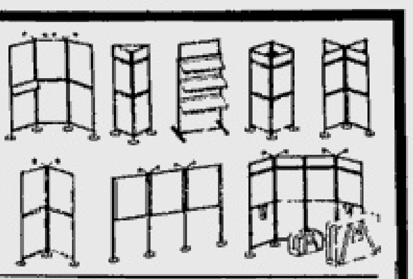

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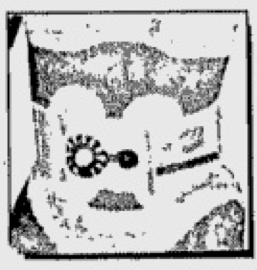

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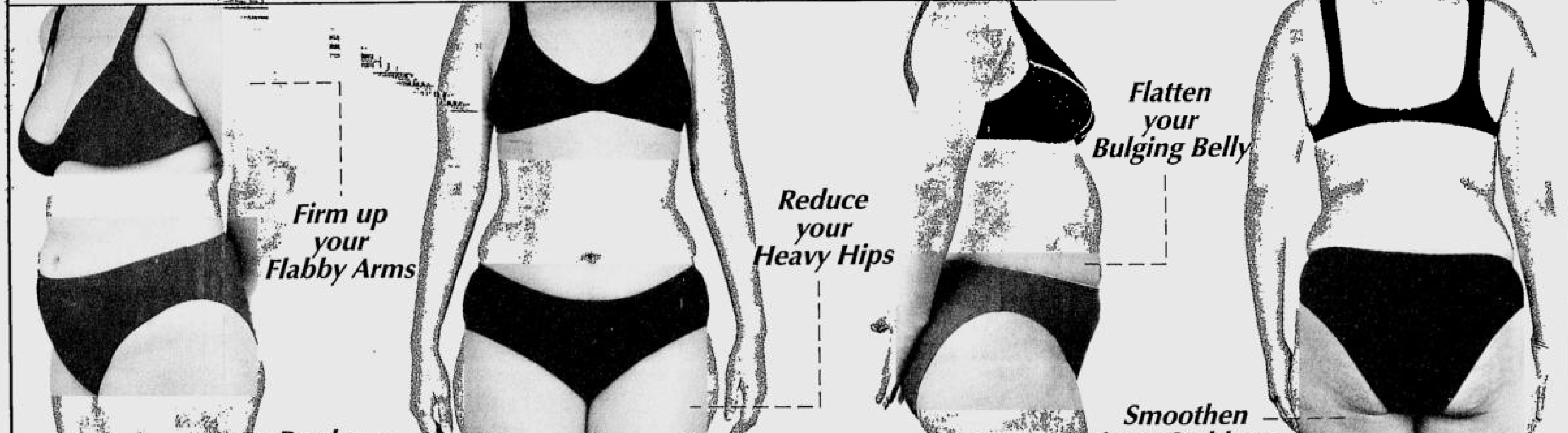

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N. Korean defectors flying to Seoul today

PHILIPPINE and South Korean officials kept 25 North Korean asylum seekers in seclusion at a military camp in Manila yesterday out of concern for their security but said they were "happy and well."

The group of six families and two orphaned girls is expected to fly to freedom in Seoul on Monday.

Philippine officials said they were not aware of any threats to the North Koreans' safety but were not taking anything for granted and were keeping them restricted inside a military base in Manila.

"Judging from past experiences, when North Korea used to conduct terroristic activities against defectors from their own country, it's just a security precaution," Foreign Undersecretary Lauro Baja said by telephone.

The asylum seekers, representing the largest North Korean mass defection since the Korean War, were whisked out of the Spanish Embassy in Beijing on Friday a little more than 24 hours after they dashed in past stunned Chinese paramilitary guards.

South Korea has said it would accept them once it was sure they wanted to come to the South, underscoring Seoul's longstanding policy of accepting asylum seekers from the North.

"They are under immigration restriction. They cannot (go out) because they are treated as transients," National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said.

"We cannot assume and presume anything. They are in the custody of the government. If something happens to them, we'll be responsible," Golez added.

A team of South Korean doctors flew into Manila on Saturday night to conduct a physical examination of the group.

"They are in a place prepared by Philippine authorities and they are happy and they are well," South Korean Embassy Counselor Hwang Seung-Hyun said.

The group is to leave for Seoul at noon today, he said.

Baja said he did not believe Manila's decision to provide temporary refuge to the North Koreans would anger Pyongyang.

"I don't think so. This is an exercise of the Philippine policy out of humanitarian considerations," he said. "We are a compassionate nation, a compassionate society and there has been a representation from the South Koreans."

The defections have thrown a spotlight on the plight of North Koreans fleeing across the border into China, some of whom make long and arduous treks in attempts to reach South Korea.

The 25, who said they had escaped North Korea before only to be forced back by Chinese officials, had threatened suicide if they were sent home again, the Tokyo-based Life Funds for North Korean Refugees said in a statement.

In recent years, Manila has twice served as a temporary haven for North Korean defectors on their way to Seoul, including the North's former top ideologue, Hwang Jang-yop.

Hwang sought refuge in the South Korean consulate in Beijing 1997 before he was spirited to the Philippines, where he stayed for 31 days under heavy security until he left for South Korea. ***Reuters***

Cops stop 'Quiapo' convoy; 7 held

CANLUBANG, Laguna—Authorities stopped a 15-vehicle convoy at the South Luzon Expressway in Calamba late Saturday and arrested seven suspected members of a Quiapo-based big-time illegal drugs group.

Police believe the convoy, which was on its way to Mindanao, was carrying a large volume of shabu, or methamphetamine hydrochloride.

A thorough search of the vehicles yielded nothing, however.

But police believe the drugs could have been inside one of four vehicles that escaped the police dragnet.

A source at the Police Region 4 office said investigators were treating the case as involving something more than illegal drugs.

"There could be more to this than that," he said.

A police report identified the suspects as Nando Kusain, Datu Art Ulama, Aradi Faisal Pandaral, Alexander Manguda, Abbas Abdul Kadir, Noel al Hamid and Maulana Sando Makalay.

Police recovered five Taurus cal 9mm, one cal .45 and one super .38.

The Police Region 4 office said the suspects were in a convoy, which included at least 11 Tamaraw FX vans, when they were flagged down at the Canlubang toll gate.

Four of the vehicles in the 15-vehicle convoy were able to escape.

The report said the convoy had left Quiapo on Saturday afternoon and was on its way to Bicol en route to Mindanao. The passengers included women and children. ***Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Who's afraid of Ping? Not me, says Bobi

By Carlito Pablo

SO who's afraid of Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson?

Not me, says Rigoberto "Bobi" Tiglao, the spokesperson of President Macapagal-Arroyo who will be coming in as press secretary on April 1.

"I'm not afraid of Ping," Tiglao said yesterday, apparently in reaction to newspaper reports that he had expressed apprehension at the prospect of facing the congressional Commission on Appointments' confirmation hearings with Lacson in it.

He reminded Palace reporters that his mock horror at Lacson's presence at the CA was just part of the lighthearted banter at his teleconference last Saturday.

Tiglao said he was counting on Lacson to stick to the issues when the ex-policeman sits at the CA that will review Tiglao's appointment.

"I have full confidence in my qualifications and in the integrity of the people in the Commission on Appointments, and I believe that they will be very fair and will not inject personal issues (into the confirmation hearings)," Tiglao said.

He said he was also confident that the senators and congressmen in the CA "would evaluate my appointment according to my qualifications."

Asked whether there was anything in his past that could be used against him, Tiglao said: "None at all. I stand by my qualifications."

He said he also believed that the CA members "will not introduce any politics in their evaluation of my competence."

Lacson and Tiglao have had a history of exchanging serious accusations.

Lacson has called Tiglao a "communist."

The latter retorted that Lacson, who rose to become national police chief during the short-lived Estrada administration, had a record of human rights violations. He said these dated back to his stint as a lieutenant at Metrocom Intelligence and Security Group, a dreaded military unit during martial law which was notorious for its extra-judicial practices.

Tiglao does not deny he was once affiliated with the Left.

"That was 30 years ago. I gave three years of my life fighting the (Marcos) dictatorship and I hope that will mitigate the prejudice against my leftist background," he said.

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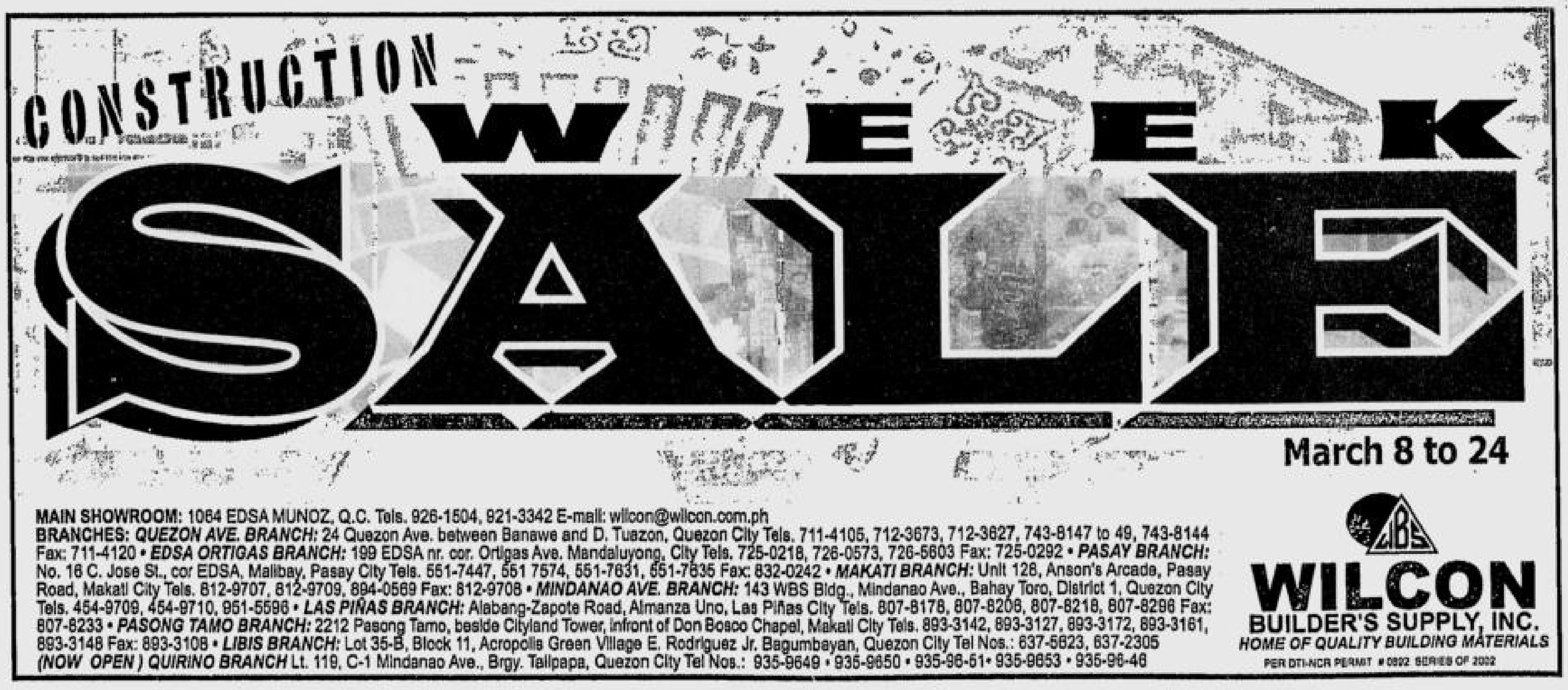

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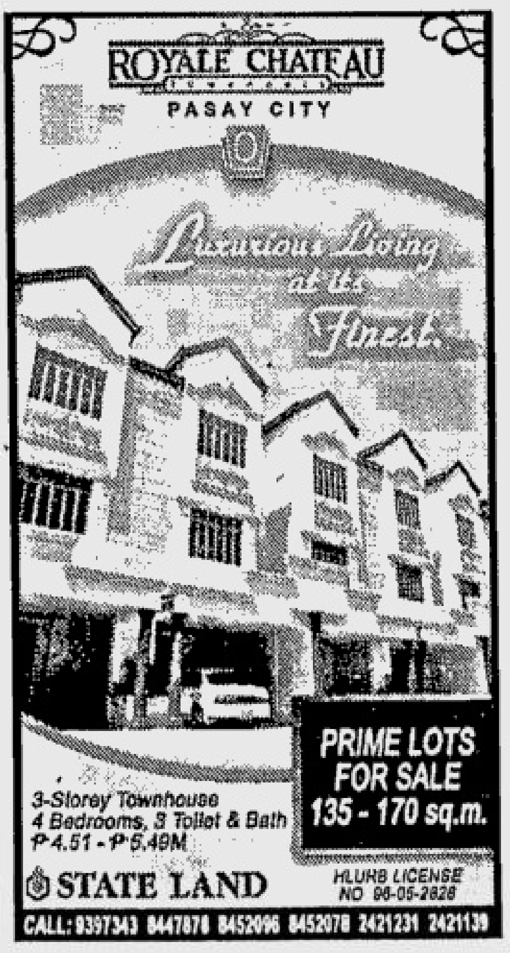

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Did SSS lose P770M in Urban Bank collapse?

By Rocky Nazareno

JUST how much did the Social Security System lose in fund placements in the collapsed Urban Banking Corp.?

Was it only the P171.5 million previously reported, or was it more than P770 million?

The questions came up in a statement by Senate majority leader Loren Legarda-Leviste, who urged the SSS "to make public the full extent of its losses in Urban Bank amid belated reports hinting the state-run pension fund lost P600 million in placements with the failed bank.

"SSS members have a right to know how much of their hard-earned contributions were lost with the collapse of Urban Bank or as a result of any failed investments for that matter," Legarda-Leviste said.

She said Congress had thought all along the SSS had lost only P171.5 million, which represented the acquisition cost of Urban Bank shares held by the pension fund when the bank declared a holiday.

Then came reports the SSS also lost a P600-million placement with the bank. "As to what kind of placement this was, we are not sure yet," Legarda-Leviste said.

She pointed out that despite having two directors in the Urban Bank board, the SSS was "caught flatfooted and was not able to withdraw the placement ahead of the bank's collapse."

Legarda-Leviste's statement came after the Ombudsman slapped a six-month preventive suspension on seven senior SSS officials in connection with the pension fund's failed P575.4-million investment in another publicly listed firm, DMCI Holdings Inc., in 1999.

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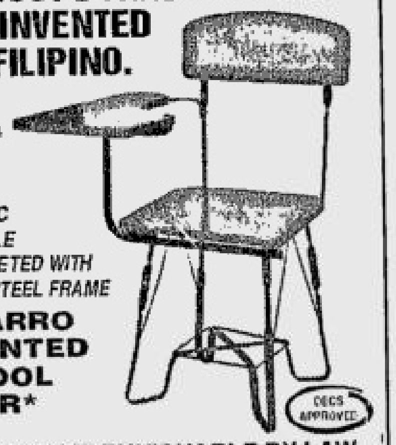

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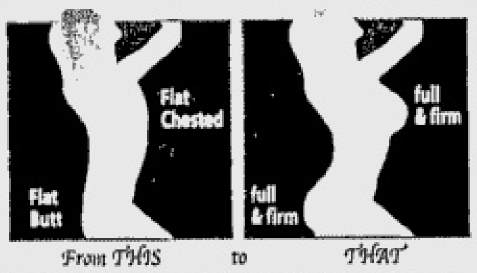

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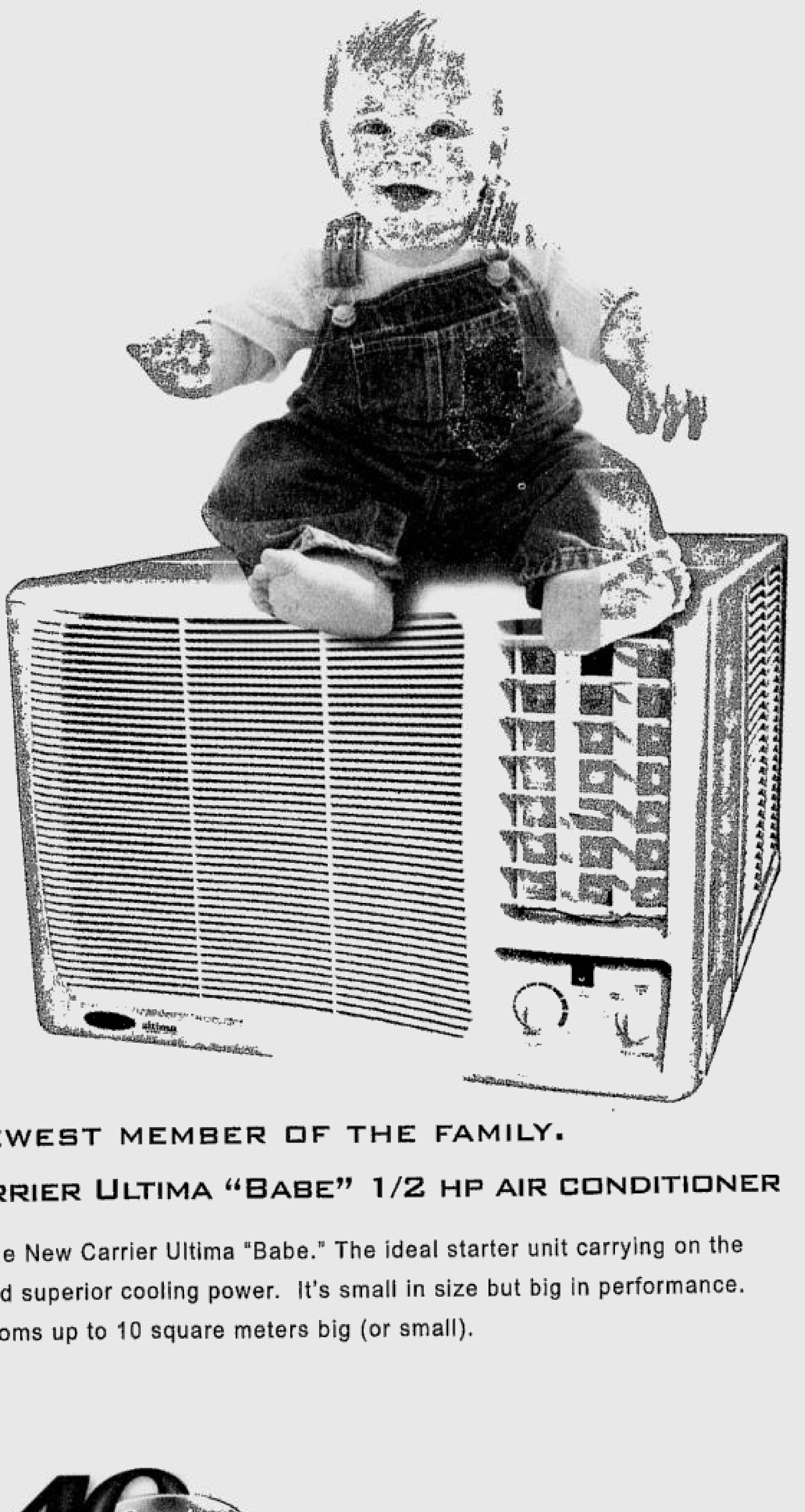

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Mothers of 'heart babies' unite

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of Rotary District 7490's Gift of Life Foundation in New Jersey.

Jenny hosted the "reunion" at her house in Quezon City. She and Dajed were joined by Almira Perez and 10-month-old son Joshua, Eden Sampang and daughter Jerden, and Maribel Aguirre and son Rodin.

'We all have the power to do it'

Almira, Eden and their children had just come back from the United States. Joshua Perez had his operation on Jan. 15, while 2-year-old Jerden Sampang had hers on Jan. 24.

At the time of the meeting, Maribel and Rodin were preparing to leave for a March 7 operation.

The group invited Len Balino and her one-and-a-half month old baby, Eldwin Jon. "EJ," has tricuspid valve atresia, and Len is one of the many mother-applicants of the GOL program.

For Maribel, a doctor, the sight of the children playing normally was something she devoutly wished for Rodin. She said she was anxious and worried about the pain of the surgery come operation day.

Looking at the children who had already undergone successful heart surgery, Len said the scene gave her hope and made her pray even more fervently that her first-born would be one of them too.

FREE heart surgery beneficiaries: (from left) Rodin Aguirre, Joshua Perez, Jerden Sampang and Dajed Montojo.

Support group

Jenny said they thought of forming a "support group" for families of children with congenital heart disease, especially now that there are many mother-applicants to the program.

The idea is to link up with BOES.org, the Swedish-based website of Bo Eric Sandberg, which had helped the mothers find sponsors for their children's free heart surgery.

Because of too many applicants from the Philippines, the Gift of Life Foundation had recently come up with stricter guidelines.

The child's case either has to be inoperable in the Philippines or the child's family cannot afford heart surgery in the Philippines.

Recently, the program had to reject the application of a 5-year-old child with a serious heart problem, for failing to meet the new guidelines.

The mothers' support group will attempt to find new sponsors for those mothers whose children do not meet the guidelines.

"We all have the power to do it. There's nothing impossible. After all the blessings we've received, it's time that we do our part to give our whole selves and sacrifice for others," Jenny said in a letter to the mothers whose children had been beneficiaries of Gift of Life.

They have thought of looking for sponsors locally and at the possibility of having free heart surgery here, so Philippine heart surgeons can also help mothers like them.

Aside from Dajed, Joshua and Eden, 3-year-old John had also been operated on successfully under the Gift of Life program.

Nina Morados was then still in the United States when the reunion took place; John's operation was on Feb. 7. His problem was particularly critical—he had a single ventricle and double-outlet right ventricle, and had to undergo a special "fontan" operation. Nina and John are now back in Zamboanga City where they live.

Mother's pain

After the reunion and during their stay in New York, Maribel Aguirre kept a diary. Excerpts posted at BOES.org described what each mother has had to undergo—the pain, the anxiety and then the eventual joy of seeing her young child undergo a complicated medical operation.

Just before surgery, while holding her son Rodin, she was terrified, she wrote. "It's the thought of all that pain and risks that was terrifying me. He's still small and if I could only take his place I would. I cried some more."

All the mothers are deeply grateful to their sponsors, particularly to the family of Andrew Topp, who chairs the foundation, their host families, and the doctors and staff, led by Gregory Cooke and Henry Issenberg of the Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

The mothers' stories are accessible on the BOES.org website.

They had all gone through the same sleepless nights, worrying about the future of their children. They had all gone through the same nerve-wracking uncertainty, when they looked for all sorts of assistance so they could give their children the same future normal kids look forward to.

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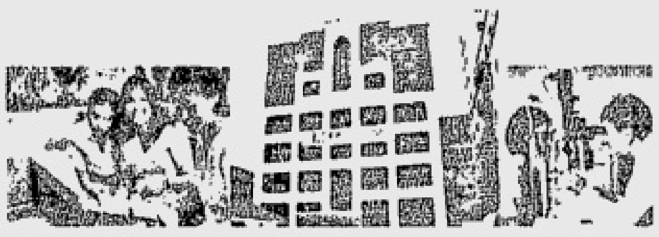

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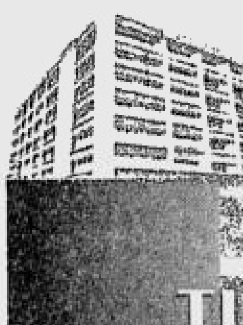

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A capital idea

EDITORIAL

IT is unfortunate that the attempt of the Estrada camp to secure medical treatment abroad for the deposed president has cast its long shadow even over the recent congressional initiative to repeal the death penalty.

When 15 senators filed a bill on March 12 seeking the repeal of the seven-year-old law, the measure was immediately condemned, to quote a statement from the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption, as "a brazen ploy to save the neck of former President Estrada." Said VACC chair Dante Jimenez: "We believe that these senators were motivated by no other reason than to accommodate Mr. Estrada who is facing charges of plunder, a crime punishable by death."

The timing of the filing also played into the hands of the conspiracy theorists and the armchair analysts. In the last two weeks, Estrada and his erstwhile lawyers had practically held a gun to the Sandiganbayan. By painting the proceedings as irredeemably biased against him and by refusing to participate in the trial, Estrada and his counsel raised the specter of civil unrest. In the same period, four politicians, described somewhat misleadingly in the media as "top leaders"—it turns out three of them were opposition senators, two of whom were intimately identified with Estrada—tried to negotiate a temporary exit for the former president.

It did not help that Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., the principal author of the praiseworthy bill, unwittingly damned the Senate majority with faint praise when he discussed the measure. He told reporters he was pleased to note that some members of the majority had supported the bill for non-partisan reasons, when in fact administration senators outnumbered opposition legislators on the list of co-sponsors of Senate Bill 2060. The comment about the administration senators supporting the bill out of the dictates of conscience was gratuitous, a political cheap shot.

But that Pimentel had to point out the bipartisan nature of the support for the bill proves that, with the Estrada legal melodrama still showing in the country's political theaters, now is hardly the ideal time to press for the repeal. Like priests who receive money for charity regardless of the source, however, we gladly welcome the proposal to lift the death penalty.

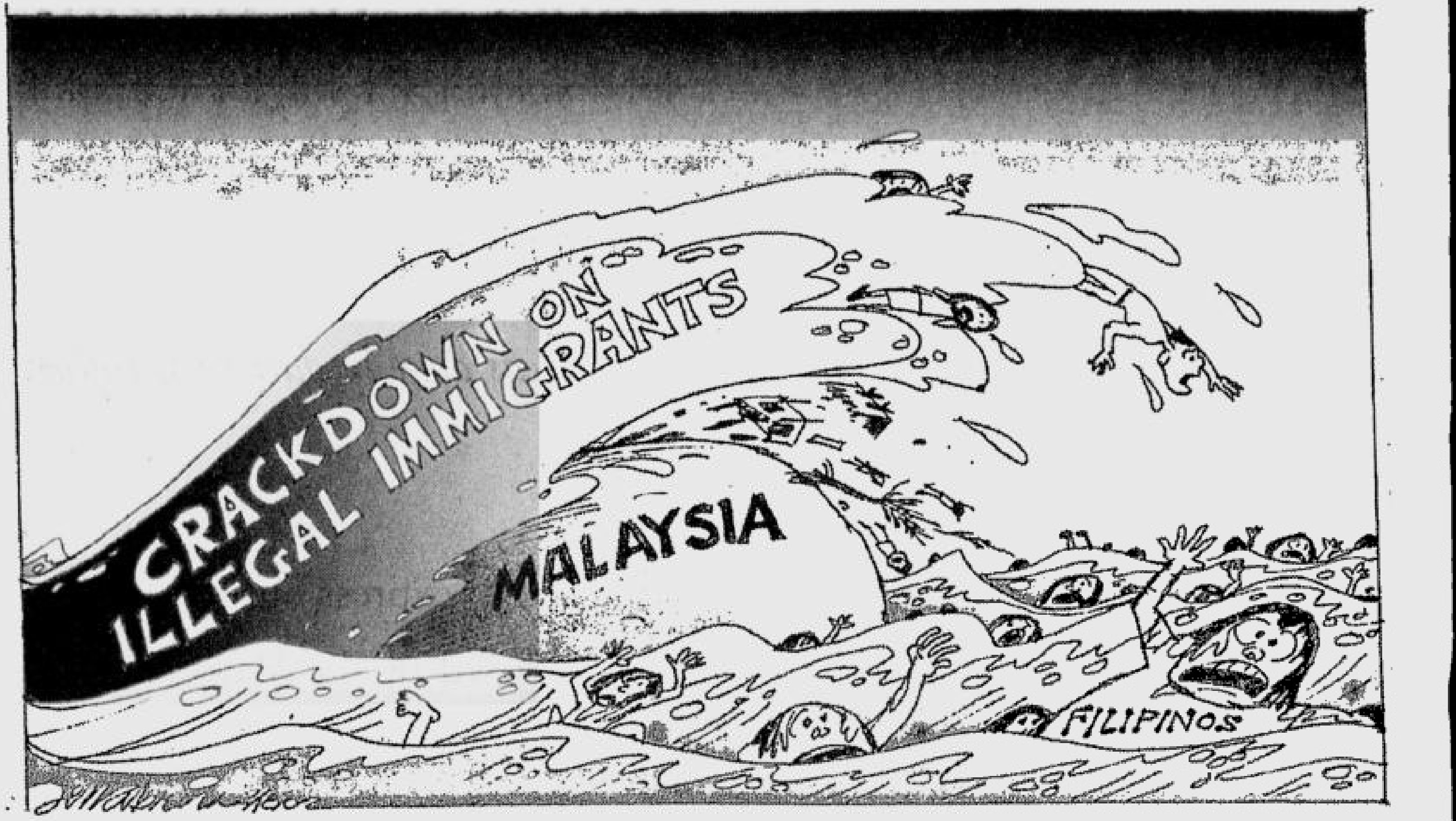
SB 2060, which seeks to replace capital punishment with a 30-year sentence without possibility of parole, has a counterpart bill in the House of Representatives which enjoys the support of about a third of all congressmen. Thus, strictly in terms of political arithmetic, the proposed repeal enjoys a good chance of becoming actual law. But in terms of both intent and content, we believe the proposal ought to become fact.

The death penalty has failed to serve as a deterrent. Consider kidnapping for ransom. If there is a heinous crime which the maximum penalty ought to stop, it is this abomination. But even under a capital-punishment regime, kidnapping for ransom has flourished. The number of both local and foreign victims reached record highs last year; in fact, the continuing crime wave remains one of the Macapagal administration's outstanding failures. The problem, it is clear, isn't the nature of the penalty, but effective law enforcement.

The death penalty is also patently discriminatory. Consider the thousand people who are on death row or who have been issued the death sentence since 1995; the list reads like a litany of the poor, the undereducated, the inadequately counseled. (This, it bears repeating, is a demographic fact that is not limited to the Philippines alone, but is present in all death penalty jurisdictions.)

The death penalty can also be imposed on the innocent—not because the country's courts are incompetent, but because any human decision-making process is necessarily imperfect. Death by lethal injection, however, is a decision that cannot be undone, and for this reason alone should give pause to those responsible for the administration of justice.

In criticizing the Senate bill, Jimenez of the VACC correctly said that lack of political will is behind the rise in criminality. This, however, is precisely one more reason for repealing the law. With the penalty in the statutes, government officials think they are acting tough, when all they do is point to it.



If Benipayo goes, VRIS deal should also go

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THE PRESSURE on Commission on Elections Chair Alfredo Benipayo to resign is getting stronger. After all, he has been bypassed six time already by the Commission on Appointments. It is time to call it quits. While he continues to hang on, the Comelec is at a standstill—but it has to prepare for two elections.

The fault is not entirely Benipayo's or those opposing his appointment. Just as guilty for the deadlock is the President and the CA because of their wishy-washy attitude. If the CA does not want to confirm him, why not just go ahead and reject him? That will force the President to appoint somebody else. The CA does not want to commit itself, so it just bypasses him. That is a *bakla* decision and does not solve the problem.

The President can break the impasse by not reappointing the bypassed Benipayo. Being bypassed six times is already too much. Enough is enough. It's time to move on. But being wishy-washy or afraid to make hard decisions, she will probably reappoint him again and the stalemate will continue. Meanwhile, time flies and the elections draw nearer.

I am not saying that Benipayo is guilty of the charges filed against him by opposers. That is up to the courts and investigators to decide. For all we know, he is a good but misunderstood man. Maybe his claim that certain people want him out of the Comelec because he does not want to sign the controversial Voters' Registration Identification System (VRIS) is true. With him out of the Comelec, the contract can be pushed through. And since the contract is worth several billions of pesos, many people will be happy, including the opposers.

I personally believe that the VRIS project is too costly. Worse, it will not guarantee clean elections nor eradicate flying voters. As I see it, it has too many loopholes that clever politicians can take advantage of to cheat. The irony is that the expensive voter's identification card to be issued by the VRIS project may institutionalize flying voters. Once a flying voter has it, no one can question his right to vote. The ID legitimizes him. It becomes foolproof evidence that he is a legitimate voter—even if he is not. It will institutionalize the millions of flying voters from squatter colonies. The squatter, already king now, will become a bigger king, a dictator.

That is why, if the President is to appoint a new Comelec chair, she should stop being wishy-washy and say outright that she does not favor the VRIS project. Interested parties should come out with a better method of eliminating flying voters and preventing election cheating.

While she's at it, she should also come out and say she's not going to sign the Jancom contract. That will end all fighting, and we can move on from there. A lot of new developments—such as the passage of the Clean Air Act and the Solid Waste Management Act—have overtaken the original contract and made it obsolete. Jancom makes adjustments with its new development, so that the contract it is defending is no longer the original contract that was signed several years ago.

The President should act like a strong leader and put her foot down. She should not hide from decision-making because of fear that her decision may offend some parties that can help her get elected in 2004. Forget 2004. Solve the problems now. 2004 will take care of itself. Do what is right today and the people will vote for you in 2004.

It is the VRIS contract that makes me wary of the four commissioners opposing Benipayo. It may be true that they're pushing Benipayo out so they can push the VRIS contract in. So, to be more credible, they should assure the people that they would drop it. In the first place, there is no money for it; the taxpayers cannot afford it.

And the new Comelec chair (assuming a new one would be appointed soon) should also assure the taxpayers that he would not sign it. The person who will appoint him, the President, will be the ultimate beneficiary. It will remove the suspicion that she replaced Benipayo with her new appointee to railroad the VRIS contract approval in exchange for a hefty contribution for her 2004 campaign.

Benipayo has not been a good Comelec chair, that is beyond dispute. His arrogant, dictatorial manners have no place in a collegial body like the Comelec. It is no longer the Supreme Court where his word, as court administrator, sends lower court judges quaking in fear. Instead of courting the other commissioners to cooperate with him, he fights them. Instead of being nice to his subordinates, he irritates them with his imperious manners. How do you solve a problem like Benipayo?

Be merciful. End his suffering. End the deadlock in the Comelec. Move on. Let him go.

But in pushing off Benipayo, the VRIS contract should go with him.

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At the Kapihan sa Sulo last Saturday, Erap's son, San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito was asked if his father can run again.

A journalist answered the question for him. "I don't think he can run at all—without a knee surgery. *Lakad nga lang, hirap na hirap na, tumakbo pa?"*

But seriously speaking, the Constitution does not bar a former president from running for vice president. What it bans is a reelection for the presidency.

Erap, however, can still be president through the backdoor. If, for instance, he runs as the vice presidential team mate of Fernando Poe Jr., and both of them win. If FPJ resigns, Erap will succeed to the presidency. The Constitution does not prohibit that.

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THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

SOMEONE wrote me to point out that George Bush recently singled us out for commendation for our ardent support for the American campaign against terrorism. Surely, she says, that is a signal honor, and shows that our sacrifices have not been in vain. The honor is not without its profitable side. In the same speech, Bush promised much aid to us. Alongside the money that the United States has already earmarked for Mindanao, it isn't a bad deal all in all.

Though I take my reader's comments well, I do not share her enthusiasm. At the very least, that is so because I've heard these things before, and far more sanguinely. I was a kid in elementary school until the middle of the 1960s, and I recall that during those years we were already being called America's "right hand in Asia," something we took enormous pride in. Or our leaders did, Carlos P. Romulo, in particular, our chief diplomat, who had gotten places in the United Nations as a result of it. He was the living symbol of "special relations" on the strength of, as Claro M. Recto put it wittily, managing not to drown in MacArthur's backwater in the Leyte landing.

These were the days of the Seato, a military alliance among Southeast Asian countries, led by America's "right hand in Asia." The purpose of that organization was not unlike the global campaign against terrorism—it was a global campaign against communism. Seato was there to contain the spread of communism in Asia. The metaphor then was dominoes: The Southeast Asian countries would fall like dominoes if communism was not checked. The frequent use of the word "cell" now, as in the phrase "al-Qaida cell," suggests it is cancer.

America's right hand in Asia did not grow strong, it merely became gouty. From being second only to Japan after the war, we became second only to Myanmar after half a century. One may of course argue that that is entirely our fault. But which brings me to a more important point, which is that the very premises that underlay those relations paved a direct path to misfortune. The attitude they encouraged among us made the disaster inevitable.

Think about it, who between these two people are likely to succeed?

One is modest, frugal and hardworking, who prides himself in his work. He does not bother to throw lavish parties for benefactors, but relies on his abilities and the quality of his work to commend him to higher office. He is not beyond accepting help when it is thrown his way, but he will not rest his future, or that of his family, on it.

The other is a loud, spendthrift and lazy person who prides himself on his connections. He does not bother to hone his skills or persevere in his work, but spends his time soliciting the attention of someone he believes will be of use to him one day. He shows unswerving devotion to him, and makes no small amount of sacrifice to score *pogi* points with him. He makes him a *kumpare* to his son, hoping the bonds of ritual kinship will serve him well when he needs to find work, or keep it. Among friends, he does not boast of his accomplishments—he has little, if any. He boasts of his connections, the people in very high places that he expects to pull him out of his dire neighborhood.

The second of course is what we are notorious for. This is a country where people spend their time trying to be *malakas* with somebody, preferably a public official, rather than relying on themselves to get ahead in life. It is the one trait the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the USAID have harped on as the cause of our backwardness. But this attitude, or way of thinking, or practice isn't just confined to our domestic affairs, it extends to our foreign policy. It is not just confined to how we relate to ourselves, it extends to how we relate to the world. And the same organizations that are trying to wean us from it internally are the first ones to encourage us to adopt it externally.

That is what all this business about our hosting American troops drawing rave reviews from America amounts to. It is saying that our efforts to win *pogi* points have borne fruit, we are back to being *malakas* with America, we have a priceless "connect" who will help us get out of this rough neighborhood. That was how it was in the past when we boasted to our neighbors in Asia that we had a patron in America, the product of our willingness to host the US bases, who was going to help turn us into a land of milk and PX. That is how it is now when we boast to ourselves, if not to our neighbors in Asia, that we have a patron in America, the product of our willingness to host American troops in Basilan.

Well, our Asian neighbors have since become tigers while we have only become cattle.

There is one final sublime irony here. Which is that in the end, the patron learns only to despise the supplicant. Patrons, particularly if they are politicians, will of course routinely pay lip service to the people who spend their time ingratiating themselves with them. But they will never take them seriously. The ones they will take seriously are allies who have shown independence and character, and even more ironically, the enemies themselves. The countries America devoted itself to rehabilitating after the war were Japan and Germany, the two countries that dragged the world into hell, not the Philippines which lifted America to heaven in Bataan and Corregidor. It stands to reason. Supplicants you can always count on to be around even when you treat them shabbily: They have no choice, they have nowhere else to go. People who have self-respect you have to treat with respect, or they will go away.

Those who say you cannot eat sovereignty, or pride, or independence will always end up suffering from malnutrition.

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Pinoy fathers look at their strengths and weaknesses

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

IT was one of those never-happened-before events. Yesterday, close to 1,400 fathers of families from various walks of life in the Metro Manila area met in the Ateneo campus in Quezon City at what was billed as a "Festival of Fathers" organized by the Archdiocese of Manila. The gathering of fathers was the first of a series of preparatory gatherings to involve the mothers, the youth and the children through 2002, leading up to the 4th World Meeting of Families to be held in Manila on Jan. 25-26, 2003, to be attended by no less than Pope John Paul II. The aim is to focus on how to strengthen the family as the basic unit of society, now under serious threat from various quarters.

With a module created by the Center for Family Ministries led by Fr. Ruben Tanseco, S.J., the 1,300 men confronted their role as Filipino fathers. First their outstanding good traits—a much-deserved pat on the back—and then their weaknesses, followed by a frank look at the needs of the Filipino youth, their offspring and how the fathers could meet these needs in a more effective way.

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Yesterday's Festival of Fathers was unprecedented for a number of reasons: first because it's difficult to gather fathers under one roof for a day in this country; but it's even more difficult to get them to do a critical review of their role—the perception is that it's not macho. In fact, Tanseco pointed out that in a recent survey by McCann Erickson, men were asked what change they would want about themselves; 84 percent said no change—they were happy with the way they were. In yesterday's gathering, however, the Holy Spirit was working overtime—the fathers were more candid about themselves and ready to beat their breasts.

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Tanseco listed the strengths of Filipino fathers: their love for their families, their readiness to earn a living for them and their dedication to the education of their children. On the "weakness" side, he listed the Pinoy fathers' lack of leadership in the psychological, emotional and spiritual level, their failure to communicate and dialogue with their offspring and their propensity to vices such as too much *barkada*, drinking, gambling and womanizing. The challenge before Filipino fathers, he stressed, was how to strengthen their functions as role models for their children especially in the spiritual and moral field.

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The invitation from former President and Ms Fidel V. Ramos said the *merienda cena* they were tendering at their Ayala Alabang home was to fete alumni of the US Military Academy (USMA) who were celebrating their birthdays from January to May. Which includes the birthday of the foremost Filipino alumnus, Ramos himself (Class '50), who turns 74 today. The party was held in the Ramoses' sprawling lawn of the house they had lived in for over 20 years, under trees that have now grown big. FVR, in T-shirt and jeans, was a convivial host, offering his guests wines from his bar and touring them around the new gazebo built around a tree, which he said is the alumni's "clubhouse." He also pointed to the new two-story house built by his daughters nearby, where he says they all eventually will live, as the plan is to incorporate their old house into the existing memorabilia and museum that FVR built after leaving Malacañang.

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The Ramoses both look quite well, with Ms Ming Ramos much trimmer now. Keeping them healthy is the regular round of golf, and FVR occasionally does laps in the family swimming pool. The former president quipped that he has remained very low profile now, the better not to draw controversy. But he continues to travel a lot abroad on speaking engagements and Ming says that his schedule remains so hectic that she chooses at times not to join him. Ming maintains her old job at the International School and her work with the Clean & Green Project, whose main project is the Pasig River rehabilitation, for which she put up a foundation while still the First Lady. In addition, as an amateur pianist she regularly jams with a band of musicians younger than the famous Executive Combo of the late Raul Manglapus, and they give benefit concerts occasionally.

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Instead of us guests giving him birthday gifts, FVR gave us copies of his 1994 book, "Time for Takeoff," a collection of his speeches during his presidency. And to make sure the West Pointers read a chapter on "West Point's role in the Philippines," he wrote in the dedication, "See P. 93." That chapter dealt with his speech before the West Point cadet corps in November 1993 and it tells a lot of little-known facts about the West Point alumni here and their prominent role in RP-US relations.

As FVR pointed out, there were 19 Filipino West Pointers who fought side by side with the Americans in World War II, the most famous being Gen. Vicente Lim of Class 1914, who was executed by the Japanese during World War II. His son, Vicente Lim Jr. of Class 1944, is the second "youngest" West Point alumnus here, after Lt. Gen. Rafael Ileto of Class 1943. In fact, Ramos narrates, when World War II broke out, 267 American West Pointers drawn from 39 classes were on active duty in the Philippines. 173 of them, or nearly two-thirds, perished here. The most famous American West Pointers to serve in the Philippines were Douglas MacArthur of Class 1903 and his aide in Manila, Dwight Eisenhower, who became US president. FVR also noted that the Philippine Military Academy, founded as the Philippine Constabulary Academy in 1905, was established by West Pointers and patterned after the elite US school, with similar curriculum, uniforms, fourth-class system and honor code.

Bukidnon heritage kept alive

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II

IT has become a norm for many provinces and cities to stage cultural festivals. Festivals are tourist come-ons. They are crowd-drawers. They bring in much-needed receipts.

In our enthusiasm to think of what festivals to stage, we create traditions that weren't there to begin with and pass them off as "indigenous." Many of our festivals range from the bawdy to the bizarre. One town in the country is even thinking of putting up a "*suman* festival." At other times, we couldn't seem to make up our minds whether this was an Ati-atihan or a Brazilian Mardi Gras. Other festivals are just plain and simple bacchanalia.

One festival that certainly does not fall into this category—at least not yet—is Bukidnon's Kaamulan Festival, held during the month of March each year. The Kaamulan is anything but contrived.

It all began in 1974. It was the fiesta of Malaybalay, May 15, in honor of San Isidro Labrador. The town's vice mayor then, Edilberto Mamawag, thought of inviting some indigenous Bukidnon tribespeople to town. Mamawag thought a few dance steps by the natives at Plaza Rizal would enliven the fiesta-goers.

That simple idea caught fire. A former reporter for the Manila Times, Mamawag had for his guest at that time a Manila reporter who later wrote about it for a national magazine. That signaled the start of Kaamulan's fame. One year led to another. On Sept. 16, 1977, the Regional Development Council adopted Kaamulan as the regional festival northern Mindanao.

By then, Mamawag was already the municipal mayor of Malaybalay (now a city). Although born of Ilocano parents who, like many others, settled on the cool mountain plateaus of Bukidnon, Mamawag married a Higaonon girl, Eden Suclatan Tan-Nery, who was a descendant of Datu Mansiagnao. But there was also a pure-blooded Higaonon in the municipal council, Pepita Caterial Ongkiatco (many of the natives have adopted the surnames of the migrant culture since Hispanic times). That was probably one factor that spelled the difference for Kaamulan since the start: that it was conceived and implemented by people with real indigenous genealogical lines.

The name Kaamulan is Binukid for "social gathering." There are eight indigenous groups in Bukidnon: the Matigsalug, Umayamnon, Ilianon, Pulangihon, Talaandig, Tigwa Manobo, Western Bukidnon Manobo and the Higaonon who are also found in the hinterlands of Agusan del Sur, Misamis Oriental and Lanao del Norte. Comparative linguistic studies have shown that their languages, along with other Manobo languages of Mindanao, are daughter languages of an earlier parent language called Proto Manobo, the speakers of which were believed to have migrated to southern Mindanao many centuries ago.

Unlike other festivals, Kaamulan is not all street theater pageantry, although that is only one of its many facets. If other festivals have to stage-direct schoolchildren and make them appear as natives, in Kaamulan it *is* the real indigenous peoples who attract the crowds. And which is probably why the authentic rituals are what spice up the Kaamulan pageantry.

There is the *pangampo* (general worship), the *tagulambong ho datu* (a political ritual marking one's formal ascendancy to the datuship), the *panumanod* (spiriting ceremony), the *panlisig* (edging away of evil spirits), another ceremony called *pamalas* and a native horse fight called *kagsaba ho kabayo*.

Dance clinics are held in the afternoons. These are conducted by the indigenous peoples themselves, using real native drums and musical instruments. Young people who otherwise go "jamming" using CD compos and portable disc players are the ones instead who are drawn to these clinics like an ethnic Woodstock, truly an educational alternative.

In the evenings, there are chants of the Bukidnon epic *olaging*, recitations of the lyric poetry *limbay*, the singing of ballads called *idangdang*, and other literary forms such as *bayok-bayok* (verses), *antoka* (riddles), *nanangon* (folk tales) and the tracing of one's genealogy in debate form, the *dasang*.

Because it is the product of a well thought-out research, and includes the participation of real natives in its conceptualization and implementation, Kaamulan has attracted its own following of researchers. It is a heartwarming sight to see students painstakingly taking notes, interviewing the native folks. Kaamulan is a virtual Filipino culture history laboratory, and its educational benefits to many students cannot be underestimated.

Where otherwise we find "neo-ethnic" choreographies and "modified" costumes in some of our festivals, Kaamulan is everything authentic. Where other festivals parade the town's patron saint à la Santo Niño Ati-atihan or Sinulog-style, Kaamulan is no copycat. If other festivals sashay to the beat of the Ati-atihan even if the place had no Ati people to begin with, Kaamulan follows only its indigenous cadence. Kaamulan's charm is not in the frenzy of the Ati-atihan, nor in the pomp and glitter of Sinulog. Its charm lies in its authenticity.

Bukidnon has always been a refreshing destination, not just for its climate but also for its montane vistas, its Grand Canyon of the Philippines, its fog-laden pine-wooded hills of Malaybalay City, its mighty Pulangi River that becomes the Rio Grande de Mindanao as it reaches the vast Cotabato plains. Perhaps the best wonder of Bukidnon is its unique indigenous culture.

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'Ukay-ukay' curriculum

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

"URONG-SULONG" is a term with many colorful translations in Philippine dialects. I may have heard most of them in the murmured reactions to a recent Department of Education sales pitch for its new Basic Education Curriculum from over 1,500 of the nation's high school principals.

Aptly held last week at Teacher's Camp, Baguio City, the conference of the Philippine Association of Secondary School Administrators (PASSA) was an in-depth look at the DepEd's plan to pilot a new curriculum this coming school year 2002-2003. It's not a pretty picture, judging from those who daily run our public high schools. The rank upon unrelenting rank of high school principals, from every corner of the school system, at the conference, would prove to be a tenacious and critical audience for the education department's presenters.

The scheduled guest speaker, Secretary Raul Roco, did not show up because of "pressing duties" at a senior ministerial meeting of the Asean. He was represented by a fleet of undersecretaries and functionaries who came to explain why something as critical as the curriculum needs to be changed, and why it all has to be done in time for the June opening of classes in three months.

The late start and lack of preparation for the ordered implementation, the DepEd speakers stressed, would be more than made up for by the "special materials" being prepared by the department, to wit, CDROMs containing the entire new curriculum primer, model lesson plans and other training and management materials, "to be distributed later through DepEd channels."

Probably intrigued by this promised bit of high-tech logistics, one wise old principal stood up during the Q&A to wonder out loud how he was to manage with neither electricity nor computer in his school. The mumbled response was that somewhere along the bureaucratic line all this official wisdom trickles down to them, they may be lucky enough to have someone who will be able to print it out for them. (It will be interesting to see how much educational content will be on these CDROMs, versus the inevitable political decorations.)

In responding to the incredulous groans of the gathered principals to the seemingly impossible schedule, DepEd speakers like Undersecretary Fe Hidalgo, under whose aegis the new curriculum is being implemented, made a very revealing admission. The curriculum change is not about the substance and composition of the curriculum, since the so-called "learning outcomes and expected competencies" are virtually unchanged. It is more about how time and resources are apportioned among the existing subjects and learning areas, and the sequence in which certain topics are delivered. "This is an interactive curriculum," she powerpointed, "one that will require collaboration and team effort between administrators and teachers." In other words, grimaced another wizened and skeptical principal sitting nearby, it is not just an "apple of discord," it is an "*ukay-ukay*" curriculum of acrimonious turf fights and recycled content rearranged.

I attended the conference primarily to understand what was happening in the two big areas of high school Mathematics and Science education, where Filipino students have done abysmally in both national and international tests of competence and achievement.

I was stunned to discover that in the proposed new curriculum, science teaching time will actually be reduced from 80 minutes per day to 60 minutes per day in the first, second and third high school levels. (Seniors will be unaffected by the proposed curriculum changes until next year.) Along with the altogether missing science subjects in Grades 1 and 2 of the elementary science curriculum, this is tantamount to downgrading science education in the entire public school system. We are probably the only country in the world, outside darkest Africa, to adopt such a foolish education policy, in this day and age.

But I should say some words of praise for DepEd officials who are working to improve the curriculum in substantive ways. The people working on the science curriculum said that a major change in emphasis is about to happen in biology teaching. Apparently, the long-neglected topic of Darwinian evolution, long ho-hum in the West and other countries, is finally about to receive priority and attention. This comes despite quiet but implacable opposition from the usual forces of inertia who dominate Philippine education. Evolution is the foundation of modern biology, so I welcome the small but positive move to upgrade its importance in an epoch when DNA is as important as ABC.

There is also a related development in the senior high school level to create a second science track complementary to the existing physics subject. This second track could be biochemistry for those students intending to continue on to college in life science areas like medicine, genetic engineering and related fields of biotechnology and pharmaceutics that are sure to dominate the coming decades.

Kudos also go to the math community, which successfully lobbied for increased contact time and discipline-based focus in algebra, geometry and trigonometry. No one passes anymore as literate, after all, without a passing numeracy.

The new curriculum deserves further attention and critique. The DepEd ought to come up with something more imaginative and inspiring than a second-hand bazaar.

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Undue preoccupation with Erap's actions

READERS' ADVOCATE

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WHOEVER is handling the public relations campaign of former President Joseph Estrada is doing a good job. For somebody whom many political analysts consider already a washout, he has been getting prime-time treatment in radio and television stations and the major broadsheets, including the INQUIRER.

The media's preoccupation with Estrada has not escaped the notice of many readers. A reader jokingly remarked that with the way the newspaper plays up the statements of Estrada, he, not President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, appears to be the country's chief executive.

Another reader commented that for a newspaper that Estrada almost succeeded in destroying through an advertisement boycott, the INQUIRER, through its repeated front-page treatment of him, appears to be making amends for all the hurt it caused him during his short-lived administration.

A reader, Lou Marie de Guzman of Makati City, did not mince her words in expressing her dissatisfaction with the way the INQUIRER has been drawing the people's attention to Estrada's problems.

She wrote: "I hear and read so much about the 'concern' of media over the possible destabilization of our government, the loss of faith in our judicial system and the media-termed 'Edsa 4.'

"If these so-called concerns and fears of yours are real, you have only yourselves to blame for it. You splash his face all over your front page. You put his comments in your banner stories. You practically use up your whole front page for news about him. Now, aren't you catering to his whims? Aren't you giving him the much-needed boost and publicity he craves?

"OK, you'll reason out that as a former president, he deserves to be in the news. Agreed. But must you spend so much precious space in the country's most read paper just to put in every word, cry, squeak and fart of Estrada? Makes one wonder how many pockets might have become heavier because of this!

"If you must write about him, put everything he says in one or two articles. The way you display [picture of] his face and write about him (or his cohorts: Remulla, Loi, Versola, etc.) you give us an indigestion so early in the morning every day."

News value

Upon receipt of the reader's letter, I checked the past issues of the newspaper to verify the reader's complaint. She was right.

From Feb. 26 to March 15, except March 7, Estrada was front-page material. The banner headlines either featured his thoughts or the statements of his spokesperson, lawyer, follower or anybody who wanted to say something about his problems.

The March 7 issue is an exception of sorts. Its headline was the killer earthquake that hit Mindanao the day before. But Estrada was not completely out of the picture that day. Below the fold of the newspaper were two news reports about the proposal to send him to exile and the appointment of three more lawyers from the private sector to help in his defense.

I have raised with the editor in chief in the past the complaint by some readers that the INQUIRER appears to be giving Estrada too much newspaper space, to the extent of crowding out the more important issues of the day.

She explained that the newspaper should not be faulted for giving Erap premium news treatment because he is an important newsmaker. He has news value. Aside from being a former president, his pronouncements or activities have an impact, one way or the other, on the country's social and political structures.

In her book, the INQUIRER will not be true to its mission to give "balanced news and fearless views" if it refuses or fails to give Estrada his rightful share of publicity or otherwise limits its coverage to reports that are favorable to the present administration.

Evaluation

There is no doubt in my mind that the editor in chief was motivated by the best of intentions whenever she made the former president the lead story or banner story of the front page of the INQUIRER.

I strongly disagree with the reader's insinuation that money had something to do with Estrada's continued appearance on the newspaper's front page.

Whether or not news about Erap should be placed on the front page or elsewhere in the newspaper is a judgment call the editor in chief is authorized to make. She can exercise it in any manner she sees fit with only her conscience and the newspaper's editorial policies to guide her in the decision-making process.

But I have some reservations about the "value points" given to Estrada that will justify his being placed on the same level as President Macapagal or other important newsmakers in terms of newspaper coverage.

No doubt, there are other important events in the country outside of what Estrada says or does that are deserving of the reading public's attention. Life in the Philippines does not revolve solely around Malacañang, Congress, the Supreme Court and the politicians who have an opinion (often shoddy) on anything and everything that happen around us.

With the kind of publicity being given to Estrada and those who claim to speak on his behalf, it is as if the fate of 75 million Filipinos depends on what is on his mind or who he trusts or not. The person who carries the burden of leading the country out of its economic and social miseries, President Macapagal, is forced to compete with him for the public's attention.

In the process of liberally giving newspaper space to Estrada, the events that should occupy the minds of the citizenry and the government—the improvement of the economy, peace and order and education of the youth, among others—are not getting the attention they rightfully deserve. Estrada has become the staple fare for news and discussions.

While it is true that the newspaper's primary responsibility is to report the news, it cannot be denied that how it reports that news has a strong impact on the people and influences their perception of themselves and the country.

If the INQUIRER gives the impression through its reporting that Estrada's statements and actions are the most important things in the country, then it should not come as a surprise if the people plan their life around what he does or does not do as his plunder case is being heard by the Sandiganbayan.

Stagnation and apathy will be the consequent results of that wait-and-see attitude. It is something the country can ill afford at this critical stage.

It's time the newspaper reduced its focus on Estrada and moved on to other more important subject matters that will contribute to the readers' understanding of the problems we face and their solution.

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LETTERS

Time to rethink RP membership in the WTO?

SEVEN years since the Philippines joined the World Trade Organization (WTO), questions are still being raised about the wisdom of our membership in that world trade body. These questions about our WTO membership are not surprising given that in the globalization process there are both winners and losers.

During the last round of global trade talks, the 1988-94 "Uruguay Round," the Philippines was offered the following deal: if we would drop our protection for Philippine companies and agree to play by new international rules, the developed countries would drop their barriers to our companies. We accepted the deal.

Seven years down the road the results are admittedly mixed. There is no doubt that persuading the world's trading nations to lower barriers has increased world trade dramatically. The statistics bear that out. Before the WTO was founded, world trade grew at about 6 percent per year. Afterwards, double-digit annual growth has become quite common. The Philippines has been one of the major beneficiaries of this trade expansion. We have been able to export more products, and in higher-value sectors, as a result of the WTO. Between 1995 and 2000 our exports grew by more than 15 percent per year.

But there is another part of the story. The industrial nations have not fully lived up to their part of the bargain. They have refused to let our companies compete with them in the areas where we are strong. Take the textiles and apparel sector, for example. It remains the world's most heavily regulated trade sectors, ruled by a complex system of quotas and subject to some of the world's highest tariffs.

In the United States, 13 percent of the tariff lines for textiles and clothing are over the 15 percent level that categorizes them as "high tariff peaks." In Japan, the same is true for almost 40 percent of the tariff lines on footwear, leather, rubber and travel goods. The reason for this is simple: they are trying to protect companies in industrialized countries from competing with our products.

Agriculture is another area where wealthy nations undermine developing country exports through a variety of means, including subsidies, tariffs, quotas and a range of complex standards. The WTO acknowledges this. According to a WTO publication, consumers and governments in industrial countries pay $350 billion per year supporting agriculture—enough to fly their 41 million dairy cows first class around the world one and a half times!

We have also seen how the trade rules work to our disadvantage in the issue of tuna exports. Philippine tuna exporters are hampered by high tariffs in a number of industrial countries. In the United States, the tariff on tuna is 35 percent. How can we compete against tuna canneries in Puerto Rico and Samoa if they start with a 35-percent price advantage?

Experience has taught us that, whether we like it or not, countries don't have an equal say in international affairs. This is as true in the WTO as it is in the United Nations, even with its "one member, one vote" method of operation. Countries like the United States, Japan, China and trade blocs like the European Union have much more power than countries like the Philippines, Brazil or Kenya.

The recent US moves on steel are a good example of how this power is exercised. The Bush administration, for domestic political reasons, decided this month to slap a 30-percent tariff on imported steel in order to protect US steelmakers. Although it claims that it followed all of the WTO trade rules in the process, steel exporters from around the world disagree and are taking legal action against the United States in the WTO.

When all the facts are laid out and judged, we'll know whether or not the United States played by the book on steel. In the meantime, one thing is clear: without the WTO rules, the United States would have acted faster and its new steel trade barriers would have been broader. Philippine steel exports, by the way, were exempted from the tariffs in accordance with WTO principles for developing country exports.

Critics are right to complain about the treatment that countries like the Philippines sometimes receive under WTO rules. But they are wrong to even suggest that we pull out of that world trade body. We need to stay in the game and promote Philippine interests, aligning ourselves with other developing countries. Standing outside and watching others write the rules will gain us nothing. China saw that very clearly. After considering it for well over a decade, Beijing decided that joining the WTO was in its best interest. Otherwise China could have no influence on the way in which the rest of the world runs the global trade system.

Does the WTO deliver the goods to the Filipino people? Not as much as we would like or deserve. Should we, therefore, pull out of this trade body? Even threatening to do that would make our situation worse, not better.

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Rethinking globalization

"RP to rethink WTO membership—Roxas," reads the head of an INQUIRER front-page story. (PDI, 3/13/02) The Philippines, said Trade Secretary Mar Roxas, would rethink its membership in the World Trade Organization if some developed countries continue to impose tariff on leading Philippine exports, particularly tuna.

This is a new, hopeful development in the Department of Trade and Industry. It is like what Sen. Edgardo Angara, when he was agriculture secretary, did in relation to the poultry industry, whose existence was then threatened by smuggled US chicken leg quarters. In Roxas' mind, it seems a policy shift is taking place from blind faith in free trade to a rational approach to it. This deserves the people's fullest encouragement and support.

Since the Ramos regime opened this country to globalization in 1994, our economic policies have always been guided by faith in free trade. The consequences of free trade, the massive destruction of industries and jobs in our country during the last eight years—have remained unexamined. Free trade has demoted even Colgate-Palmolive, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Union Carbide, etc. from manufacturers to mere traders.

I unqualifiedly support Roxas' rethinking threat. In the light of the national interest, it is an urgent step in the right direction. To be truly meaningful, however, I suggest that the rethinking be focused not only on tuna but on the entire economy. The proper venue for a decisive rethinking is Congress, especially the Senate. Let Congress, guided by reason rather than faith, reexamine what globalization has done and is doing in this country.

Instead of squandering precious resources on Speaker Jose de Venecia's projected political summit, which is destined to be nothing but a grand exercise in verbal magic, let Congress find the truth about the central root of the mounting crisis oppressing the nation today and act on it decisively.

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Correcting our historical perspectives

I WAS appalled to hear over the radio recently that a bill has been filed in Congress and discussed in the committee level, proclaiming both March 16 and April 27 as national holidays. The first date recognizes Ferdinand Magellan's "discovery" of the Philippines, while the second honors Lapu-Lapu, the Battle of Mactan and the death of Magellan. While it is fitting to honor nationally the victory of Lapu-Lapu, it is a step backward to consider Magellan's arrival in the Philippines as a "discovery." It mocks the rich pre-colonial past of the country and falls into the Western perspective that Filipino historians have been fighting against. The Western perspective seeks to perpetuate the fallacy that Philippine history began with Spanish colonization.

Historians in the University of the Philippines and other leading universities have wisely taken the Filipino perspective of ignoring Magellan's arrival in the Philippines and breaking loose from the colonial orientation postulating a discontinuity between the centuries before the Spanish conquest and the beginning of Spanish colonization. Instead, UP historians have led in telling the continuous story of the Philippines from circa 250,000 B.C. to the growth of the ethnic communities and the response to the challenge posed by Spanish colonialism. The Spaniards are treated like other foreigners who have been trading and communicating with the Filipinos for many centuries.

Even attempts to clarify the "discovery" as the "rediscovery of the West" no longer holds a Filipino-oriented history bereft of colonial moorings.

As a retired UP professor of History, former president of the Philippine Historical Association and a current member of its Board of Governors, I appeal to our congressmen to "kill" the portion of the bill glamorizing Magellan's alleged "discovery," but pay due honors to Lapu-Lapu and the Battle of Mactan. For too long, Magellan has been lionized in Cebu and imperial Manila, to the detriment of Lapu-Lapu's stature. It was only during the term of President Carlos P. Garcia, whose wife, Inday Garcia was from Mactan, that a statue was built in Lapu-Lapu's honor.

Let us turn our backs on the repudiated colonially oriented history which gave due honors to conquerors, to one that conveys a history of the Filipino people in a positive sense.

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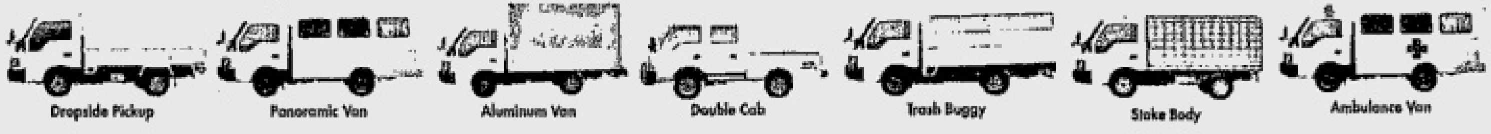

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British military wary about attack on Iraq

LONDON—Senior British military officials have warned the government not to rush to commit troops to any US-led attack on Iraq, the Observer newspaper reported on Sunday.

The sources are reported to be concerned about the risk of Britain's armed forces being sucked into "a perilous open-ended commitment in Iraq."

The Observer said the United States had asked for up to 25,000 British troops to form part of an Iraqi invasion force if Washington acts against the country and its leader.

The officials said Arab countries were likely to rebel against Western strikes against Iraq and President Saddam Hussein's government. Any effort to topple Saddam would be undermined by the lack of a clear successor waiting to replace him, the Observer quoted the military officials as saying.

The report reflects split opinion in Britain over whether British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a staunch ally of the United States in its military campaign in Afghanistan, would be wise to back strikes against Iraq.

Leading members of his own Labour Party have expressed unease, and the military is aware that, with peacekeeping commitments in the Balkans and Afghanistan, another major campaign could mean a shortage of personnel.

The Sunday Telegraph quoted Home Secretary (Interior Ministry) David Blunkett as warning Blair that military action in Iraq could provoke serious civil disorder in Britain.

"We cannot separate Iraq from the Middle East or we will have major disturbances both internationally and in Britain," Blunkett was quoted by the newspaper as telling colleagues.

Britain has said that Iraq poses a serious threat to global security but it has ruled out a military attack until compelling evidence showed it was needed.

US Vice President Dick Cheney met Blair early in his tour of Europe and the Middle East to test support for military action against Iraq if Saddam failed to admit UN arms inspectors to check for suspected weapons of mass destruction.

Last week Blair and Cheney demanded weapons inspectors be allowed back into Iraq without restriction, vowing to contain any threat from Saddam while saying no decision had yet been taken to attack Baghdad.

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Saudi, UAE opposed to new strikes on Iraq

JEDDAH—US Vice President Dick Cheney took his Mideast tour to the United Arab Emirates and top ally Saudi Arabia Saturday but found no support for new US strikes on Iraq while hearing protests about Israel's attacks on Palestinians.

Cheney held talks in Jeddah late Saturday with Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, about Saudi and US efforts to "preserve world security and stability through international forums or through their joint efforts," the official SPA news agency said without elaborating.

The talks covered "international efforts to combat terrorism" as well as Abdullah's "views and ideas to resolve the Middle East problem," SPA said, referring to the prince's peace proposal that will be presented for endorsement at a March 27-28 Arab summit in Beirut.

The plan proposes full Arab diplomatic relations with Israel in return for the Jewish state's withdrawal from all Arab lands captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

Prince Abdullah revealed his strong opposition to US threats to extend the "war on terror" to Iraq in a US television interview Thursday.

"I do not believe it is in the interest of the United States, or the interests of the region, or the world," he told ABC News.

"I do not expect (a strike) to lead to the required result, and the same applies to Iran," Abdullah added.

"Saudi leaders are expected to voice their opposition to an eventual US strike, as made clear by Crown Prince Abdullah," one Saudi official said.

Cheney arrived here from Abu Dhabi where Emirati President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan "made it known to the American vice president that the Emirates are opposed to any military strike against Iraq," the official WAM news agency said.

"There is a need to act with restraint in the interests of America, the region and the world," Sheikh Zayed said, according to his minister of state for foreign affairs Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed al-Nahyan, quoted by WAM.

President George W. Bush's repeated pistol waving and barely-veiled vows to topple President Saddam Hussein earn a bad press in a Gulf region concerned at the suffering of the Iraqi people and the unforeseen repercussions of regime change in Baghdad.

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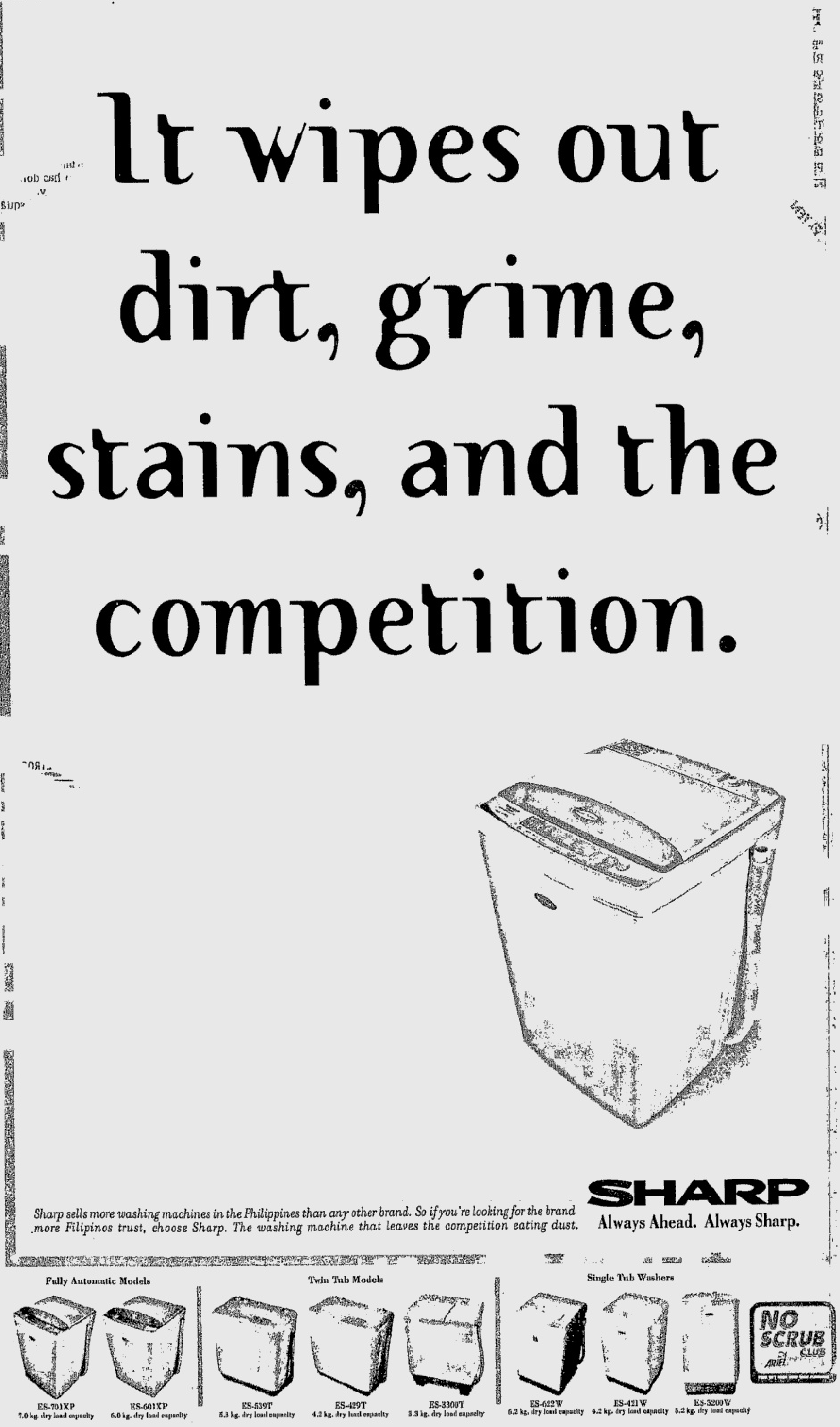
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US Mideast envoy presses bid to halt violence

JERUSALEM—The US Mideast envoy pressed his bid Saturday to halt the violence between Israel and the Palestinians, with hopes fueled by a promising, if confusing, start to his talks and the territories' calmest night in weeks.

Talks looked on the verge of a breakthrough late Saturday after Ariel Sharon's office issued a statement after talks with US envoy Anthony Zinni, saying the Israeli premier was ready to attend a three-way meeting Sunday with Zinni and the Palestinians for the immediate declaration of a ceasefire.

"Hopefully we will arrive at a ceasefire tomorrow, pending no objection on the Palestinian side (to the meeting)," Sharon's spokesperson Ranaan Gissin said.

But less than an hour later, Sharon's office retracted its statement after the Palestinians demanded a full Israeli pullout from self-rule territory.

"The Prime Minister's bureau clarifies that no decision has been made about the holding of a meeting tomorrow," it said.

Nabil Abu Rudeinah, one of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's top aides, was even blunter, saying "there will be no political or security meeting before Israel withdraws from area A completely."

Area A represents territory under full Palestinian security and administrative control ceded by the Israelis under peace agreements since 1993.

In a busy day of shuttle diplomacy, Zinni also conferred with senior Palestinian negotiators in the West Bank town of Ramallah after a round of ceasefire discussions with both sides Thursday and Friday that he described as "extremely positive."

As he pursued his mission, a rare moment of calm settled on Israel and its occupied territories after one of the deadliest spurts of fighting in the nearly 18-month-old Palestinian intifada, or uprising.

The Israeli army said no major incidents were reported overnight and for much of Saturday morning until a Palestinian civilian was killed by soldiers in the West Bank town of Hebron.

"It was the quietest night in several weeks," an army spokesperson said.

Zinni, the special envoy of President George W. Bush, arrived Thursday hoping to broker a truce in the spiraling bloodshed that has claimed more than 1,500 lives, some 250 in the past two weeks alone.

The retired Marine corps general met in Ramallah with a Palestinian delegation led by chief negotiator Saeb Erakat, parliament speaker Ahmed Qorei and information minister Yasser Abed Rabbo.

Nabil Amr, Palestinian minister for parliamentary affairs, said the group was seeking a US guarantee that Israel stays out of Palestinian areas, with the possibility of sending in international observers.

Zinni's third bid in the past four months to restore peace, launched with Washington intensifying the pressure on Israel to halt hostilities, has drawn encouraging responses from both parties to the conflict.

The Israelis marked his arrival by withdrawing their forces from Ramallah and other towns on the West Bank and Gaza Strip they had seized earlier in the week in their biggest military push in Palestinian territory since 1967.

A senior Sharon aide said the Israelis told Zinni he was prepared to start peace talks once a ceasefire was set and activate a joint Israeli-Palestinian commission for the first time since he came to power a year ago.

But while Bush hailed Israel's withdrawal from the Palestinian towns as "a positive development," US officials also demanded "a complete withdrawal" from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Such a withdrawal would greatly facilitate the work of General Zinni," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. "That's what we want to see; that is the kind of step we've been urging them to take."

Arafat also welcomed Zinni's efforts and added: "Let me once again reiterate our full commitment to the peace process, the peace of the brave." ***AFP***

Cell phones boon to poor countries, says UN body

GENEVA—Cellular phones are helping poor nations close the communications gap with rich countries, as the expansion of mobile networks outstrips the number of fixed lines, the UN telecommunications body said Sunday.

"Lack of telecommunications inhibited growth in developing countries for years," said Michael Mingus, head of the analysis division at the International Telecommunication Union. "The mobile is the substitute for a fixed telephone. It is the missing link."

Mingus told reporters that cellular phone growth in poor nations had "shattered the correlation between income and mobile penetration" which analysts had developed by looking at western Europe and other rich regions. "It's mind-boggling—we're seeing a doubling, a tripling, even a quadrupling of networks in just two or three years."

In a 160-page report on telecommunications and development the ITU said that mobile phones outnumber fixed lines in all the western European nations, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. In some economies, such as Taiwan, the number of cellular phones already exceeds the number of inhabitants.

But the mobile also has overtaken the fixed telephone in countries like Uganda, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Cambodia and the Philippines.

The ITU estimates that by the end of 2003 there could be 1.6 billion cellular phones in the world, although annual growth—which exceeded 50 percent in 1999—will fall to around 20 percent as expansion slows in rich nations. Growth in fixed phone use has remained steady at below 10 percent per year.

The ITU says it expects 90 percent of the world's population to be within range of a telephone signal by 2007 as growth continues in developing nations. The current figure is 60 percent.

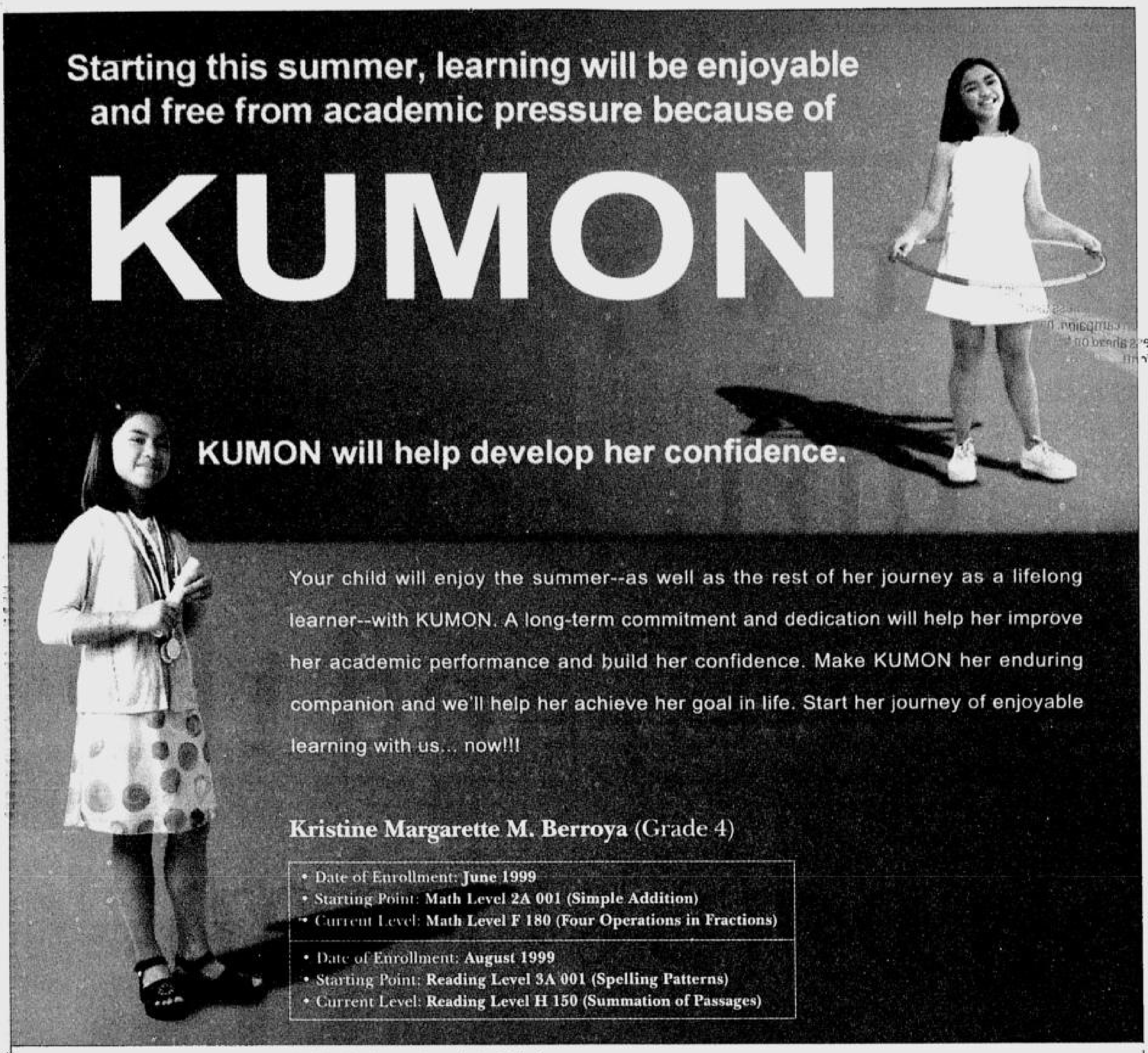
Mingus said the mobile presents enormous advantages in regions like Africa. "It's wireless, so it's quick to install in countries with limited infrastructure.

"Most companies use prepay systems so the bills are paid upfront," he said. "Also, the most successful markets are those where governments have allowed competition between telecommunications companies."

For instance, after market reforms in the late 1990s, Morocco has gone from one of the region's lowest levels of telephone access to one of the highest. A prepaid cellular phone costs around $36, or 3 percent of an average income.

Mingus said the next step in bridging the communications divide between rich and poor will be to help more people in developing nations get access to the Internet.

The 189-nation ITU has organized a conference in Istanbul, Turkey, which will look for new ways to help close the gap. The meeting, bringing together governments and the private sector, starts Monday and runs until March 27. ***AP***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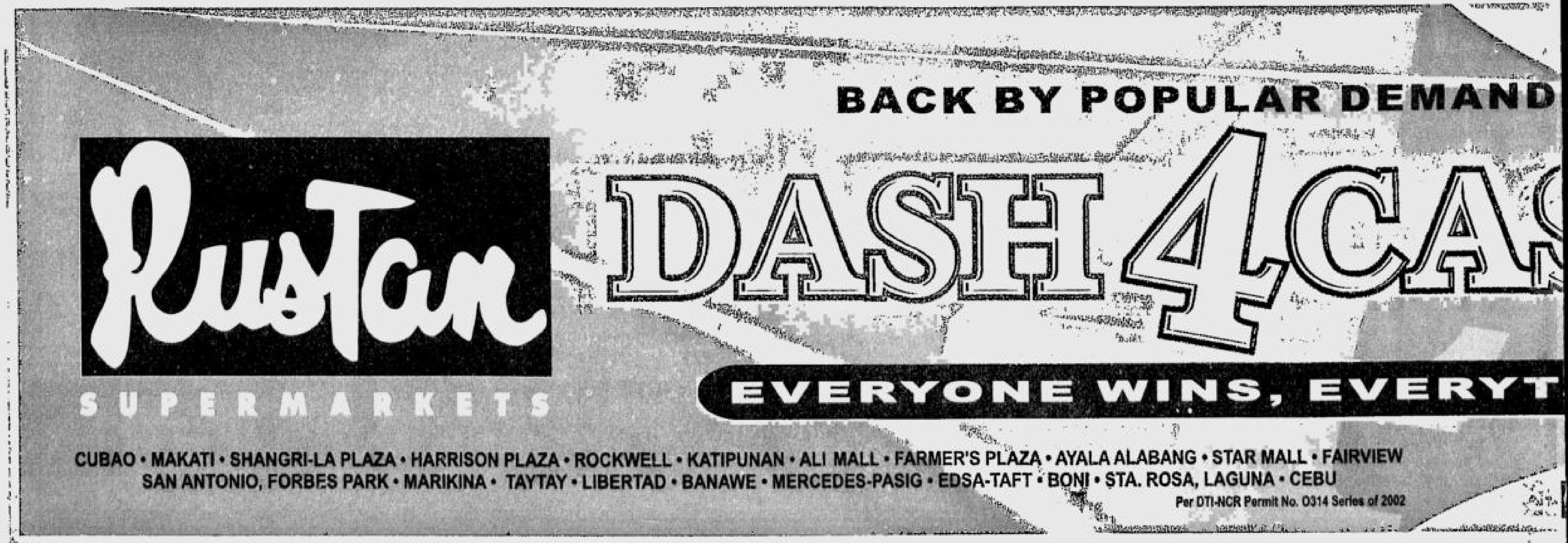

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Colombia archbishop critical of rebels shot dead

BOGOTA—Unidentified gunmen shot and killed Archbishop Isaias Duarte Cancino of the city of Cali on Saturday, silencing a voice that had often been critical of leftist rebels.

The gray-haired, 63-year-old, bespectacled archbishop had just completed a nighttime group wedding and was heading to his car when he was shot by two gunmen outside the Buen Pastor church in a working-class neighborhood of Cali, witnesses said.

Duarte was dead on arrival at Carlos Holmes Trujillo Hospital in Cali, hospital director Ricardo Vanegas said. TV footage showed people weeping outside the hospital in Cali, Colombia's third-largest city.

Edilberto Ceballos, Duarte's driver, told Caracol radio network that the archbishop was shot several times, including in the head.

"Two guys came and opened fire and hit him three or four times, maybe even six times," the driver said. "I saw him dead." No one immediately claimed responsibility for the killing.

Duarte frequently had criticized rebels for their attacks and kidnappings. Colombia's 38-year-old civil war has intensified since peace talks with the main rebel army, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, collapsed on Feb. 20.

A smaller rebel group, the National Liberation Army, known as the ELN, also had earned Duarte's ire for conducting mass kidnappings in Cali in recent years, including abducting worshippers at a Cali church. Although talks with the FARC collapsed, the ELN is participating in peace talks with Colombian government representatives in Havana. *AP*

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Police fire at Hindu, Muslim mobs

AHMEDABAD, India—Police fired shots on Sunday to break up stone-throwing Hindu and Muslim mobs in India's riot-scarred Gujarat state, in the latest unrest in an explosive row over a disputed holy site. Two people were injured when the police fired to disperse the mobs in Ahmedabad city's densely populated Behrampura area early on Sunday morning, said Ahmedabad's Police Commissioner P.C. Pande. "The tension was caused by rumors of fresh violence," Pande said. More than 700 people have been killed in Gujarat in the past three weeks in large scale rioting over whether to build a Hindu temple on the site of a mosque demolished in 1992. Hardline Hindus believe Hindu god-king Ram was born on the site of the mosque. They want to rebuild a temple dedicated to him that they say was destroyed by Muslim Moghul invaders in the 16th century. Muslims, who make up 12 percent of India's one billion people, want the mosque rebuilt. *Reuters*

EU summit ends with energy deal

BARCELONA,—Leaders of the 15-nation European Union took key steps Saturday towards freeing up Europe's markets, but 300,000 demonstrators beg to differ in one of the biggest protests ever to coincide with an EU summit. Some 50 people were seen being detained as riot police fired tear gas at the end of the twilight demonstration, dispersing anarchists who smashed bank windows with metal bars along the route of the 2-1/2 hour march. But the bulk of the protest was orderly, in sharp contrast to the violence that rocked past EU summits—particularly in Gothenburg, Sweden last June when the city center was ravaged and a demonstrator shot and wounded. At the summit in a heavily secured convention center, the EU heads of state and government agreed in principle to open Europe's gas and electricity market for industrial and business users in 2004. France, which is in the midst of a general election campaign, had held up the deal, but finally agreed with its EU partners to press ahead on free-market reform in return for concessions on rail freight reform. *AFP*

Scandal fallout threatens Japan PM

TOKYO—Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi faces a rising threat to his support as opposition grows to how a scandal involving a ruling party lawmaker has been handled, harming his efforts to deal with the flagging economy. Even the people who brought him to power are unhappy. A survey released on Sunday showed that nearly three-quarters of the local branches of Koizumi's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) were dissatisfied with the purging of lawmaker Muneo Suzuki, saying it did not go far enough to settle the scandal and might well erode support for the party. This could prove critical for Koizumi, who rode a groundswell of rank-and-file party support to a stunning victory in the race to lead the LDP and become prime minister last April. Suzuki, under fire for a lengthy list of alleged misdeeds including meddling with foreign policy and intervening in the awarding of government-funded projects, quit the party on Friday. But his refusal to resign from the powerful Lower House, and the government's perceived reluctance to make him do so, are drawing growing anger. *Reuters*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, March 18, 2002
5th Week of Lent

1st Reading: **Dn 13:41-62**
Gospel: **Jn 8:1-11**

As for Jesus, he went to the Mount of Olives.

At daybreak Jesus appeared in the Temple again. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them.

Then the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They made her stand in front of everyone. "Master," they said, "this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now the Law of Moses orders that such women be stoned to death; but you, what do you say?" They said this to test Jesus, in order to have some charge against him.

Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. And as they continued to ask him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who has no sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And he bent down again, writing on the ground.

As a result of these words, they went away, one by one, starting with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Then Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go away and don't sin again."

Commentary

Two are needed to commit adultery and be "caught in the act" yet her partner seems to have been forgotten! Women, unfaithful or not, are still the victims of vicious attacks, mutilations and murders in too many countries, at the hands of husbands and relatives. Widows are subjected to extended mourning rituals, cruel and degrading, often leading to death from sickness or suicide. Alas, this story is not something of the past!

The Pharisees callously use their victim to ensnare another, but their sordid scheme fails. None of them had the nerve to cast the first stone. At least that much honesty remained in their hearts. Unchanged, however, was their determination to condemn the One who refused to condemn.

Contemplate Jesus as he turns to his Father in prayer at the end of this day. Ask him to share his mind and heart with you, with us all.

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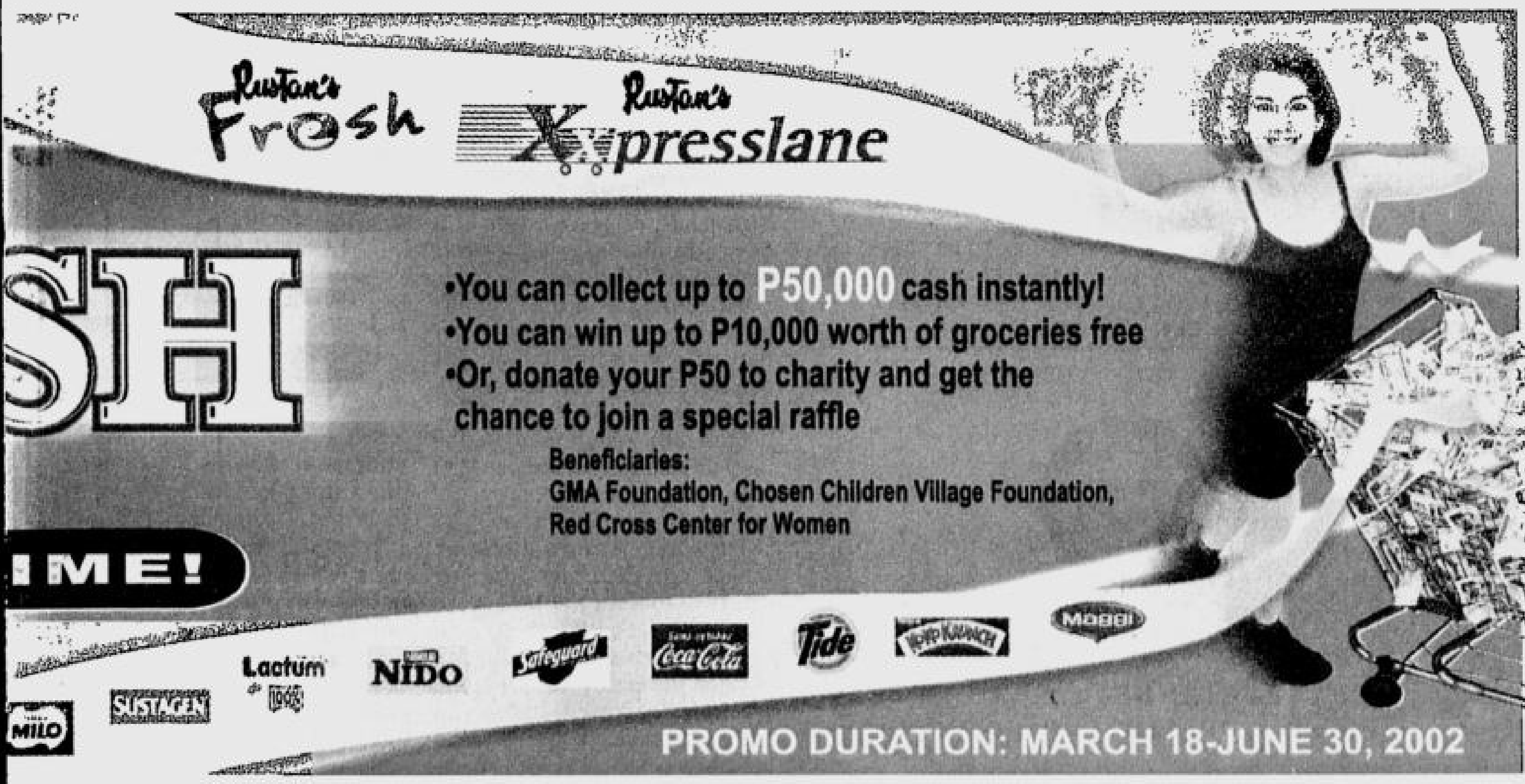

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SPDA tagged 'milking cow' of MNLF

Millions spent for meals, 'ghost projects,' etc., House probers told

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DAVAO CITY—The Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA) has spent millions of pesos for meals, hotel accommodations, transportation allowance and "ghost projects" for the members of the Moro National Liberation Front.

This was revealed during the public hearing of the House Committee on National Defense here Friday.

"For the last three years, the SPDA has been the milking cow of the MNLF," Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles said.

Nograles filed House Resolution 157 asking for an investigation on reports that the SPDA funds were allegedly diverted to boost the firepower of the MNLF.

Nograles' resolution came following SPDA Administrator Zamzamin Ampatuan's exposé that SPDA's previous administration diverted millions of pesos in the guise of livelihood projects for the purchase of firearms for the Nur Misuari-led MNLF.

Armed with documents supporting his revelation, Ampatuan on Friday said the previous administration has released a total of P183 million for three years. These were intended for livelihood projects of MNLF members but no visible projects were seen.

"Examples of the projects were goat-raising, corn production and sugarcane plantation but in the goat-raising projects to which the SPDA released P500,000, we haven't seen even a single head of goat during inspection," Ampatuan said.

Expenses for hotel accommodations for year 1997 reached P3.6 million, another P3 million for meals and P4 million for meetings for the visiting MNLF officials and members, he said.

"I have vouchers and receipts to prove the expenses," Ampatuan said.

He submitted a consolidated financial report of SPDA to the House Committee on National Defense.

"To my mind, the financial statements of SPDA are really very dubious. It is very clear that the funds of SPDA had been misused. There is really something wrong with that agency... public funds were used to (finance the) pocket rebellion," Nograles said.

Former SPDA administrator Randolph Parcasio, however, cleared his name before the committee and denied Ampatuan's allegations.

Ampatuan claimed that during Parcasio's term, SPDA released some P86 million for livelihood projects for MNLF members but most of these could not be found during inspection. He said there were also millions of pesos spent for hotel bills, meetings and meals for visitors.

"I cannot possibly incur that much because my policy was that visitors cannot stay long. I categorically denied having spent that much," Parcasio said.

During his administration, Parcasio said he was not the only one who had the signing privilege to any hotel and restaurant in Davao City or Southern Mindanao but even some SPDA employees.

Parcasio also explained that he stayed only for six months at the SPDA, from April to November of 2001, and the P86 million was released a month before he was replaced by Ampatuan.

Roco hits back at DepEd detractors

ROCO

By Juan Escandor Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NAGA CITY—Education Secretary Raul Roco said some employees of the Department of Education are rallying against his administration because they have been deprived of their "earnings."

"*Bako man ngani sinda mga paratukdo. Siguro nagpoprotesta nin huli nawaran nin delihensya* (They are not even teachers. Maybe they are protesting because they lost their earnings)," the Bicolano Cabinet member said.

Roco was apparently alluding to the DepEd employees who could have been involved in different transactions in the department when he said this after he was asked about his reaction to the continuing protest against his administration.

He added that the number of protesting DepEd employees, which he stressed are not even teachers, was only between 30 to 40.

But a leader of the militant teachers' organization here derided Roco's statement as nothing but a diversionary issue that he wants to project in order to avoid the legitimate ones being raised.

Joel Batanes, chair of the Bicol Concerned Teachers Alliance (BCTA), said Roco should answer the legitimate charges against him, like the service fees he spent on his consultants.

But Batanes said BCTA is more concerned with the new curriculum that compressed several subjects because, he said, this will affect the employment of several teachers nationwide.

Roco, however, assured that the new curriculum would not result in the retrenchment of teachers.

He said that for the coming school year the DepEd will hire additional 15,000 teachers all over the country and 20 additional teachers are allotted for every congressional district.

But Roco said the districts to be given additional teachers exclude those in Metro Manila because there are already enough teachers there.

He said the distribution of the number of teachers was done through a computer program at the DepEd Manila office.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers. source: pagasa

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Cebu judges, lawyers throw full support to Davide vs Estrada

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DAVIDE

CEBU CITY—Regional Trial Court judges and two lawyer organizations in Cebu have thrown their support behind Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. who has been subjected to a series of attacks by deposed President Joseph Estrada.

The 21 RTC judges and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Cebu City and Cebu province chapters on Thursday passed separate resolutions, expressing their full confidence on the integrity of Davide.

The two IBP chapters, in their joint resolution, also condemned Sen. Loi Ejercito for attacking the integrity and impartiality of Davide and the other justices.

"We, in full solidarity, do by this instrument, express full faith in, qualified support of, and unflinching confidence in the Filipino of the Year," the judges said in their one-page resolution titled "Avowal of Full Faith and Support."

The INQUIRER named Davide as Filipino of the Year in 2000 for successfully handling the impeachment trial of Estrada.

Award

The INQUIRER editors noted that despite numerous obstructions and objections, the impeachment trial was able to proceed smoothly because of Davide.

In their resolution, the judges noted an emerging and "patently devious pattern of character assassination" against Davide.

"The nonsensical assault is plainly designed to place in dispute the person of the Chief Justice and thereby, degrade the high qualify of justice, which he is sworn to uphold and has ever maintained," they said.

The judges said the "unmitigated attack" came from "evidently disreputable persons driven by and in furtherance of, self-interest."

In the IBP joint resolution, the lawyers said the actuation of the former first lady was "imprudent and unbecoming of a senator."

They said Ejercito's attacks on Davide and the other Supreme Court associate justices were "without legal basis."

The lawyers said her actuation violated the basic principle of the separation of powers and was an affront to the independence of the judiciary.

Among those who signed the joint resolution were Alan Trinidad, IBP-Cebu province president, and Arturo Fernan, IBP-Cebu City chapter president.

Davide's eldest son, Hilario III, also signed the resolution as IBP-Cebu province vice president.

Irritated

In an interview, Hilario III admitted that his family was irritated and hurt by the attacks against his father but these were not enough to affect the family because the accusations were baseless.

"In a way yes, *nasakitan pod and samok kaayo ba kay sige lang ug balik-balik*(We feel slighted and it gets irritating because the accusations are repetitive). *Sakit* and irritating but we are not really affected because we know these are not true *ug nahibawo gyud ko sa batasan sa akong papa* (and we know our father's character)," Hilario III said.

The Chief Justice's family in Cebu had yet to talk to him as he flew to Japan on Wednesday, the young Davide said.

Hilario III said he expected that his father would not react on Estrada's tirades against him.

"He knows the allegations are not true so what is the point? I don't think he will go down to that level," he added.

He said he believed that Estrada's motive in attacking his father was to win the sympathy of the people, instead of facing the charges filed against him in court.

Hilario III denied that his father lobbied to Estrada so he could be appointed chief justice.

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Group pushes bill vs abuse of women by their partners

DAVAO CITY—Women's rights advocates here are pushing for the passage of the Anti-Abuse of Women in Intimate Relationships or Anti-Awir Bill as it would provide distinct remedies to abuses.

The Anti-Awir Bill was initially pushed by the coalition of women's groups known as Sama-Samang Inisyatiba ng Kababaihan sa Pagbabago ng Batas at Lipunan (Sibol).

The Anti-Awir Bill focuses on abuse of women in intimate relationships, including relationships of the same sex.

The substitute bill, on the other hand, uses the term "domestic violence" and its proposed title is "Anti-Domestic Violence Act of 1999."

Sibol pushed for the Anti-Awir Bill because of its distinction of abuse against women occurring within relationships in marriages, cohabitation or intimacy and the need for specific legislation that provides distinct remedies. *Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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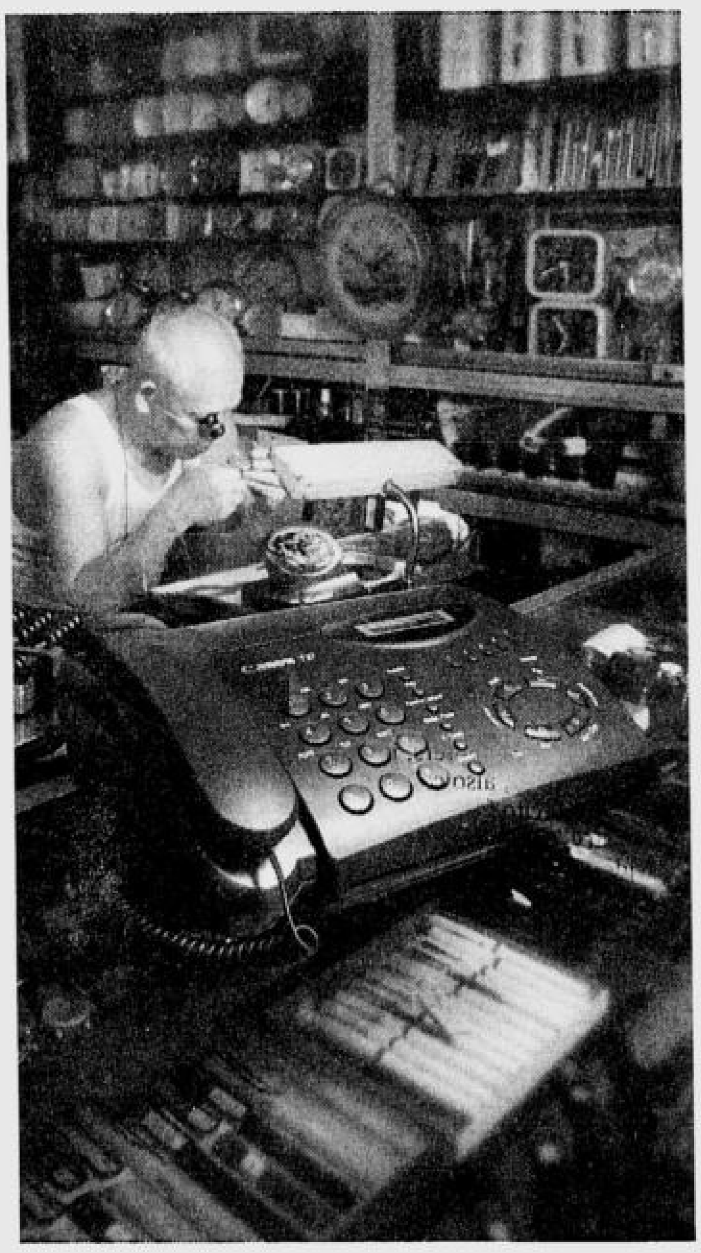

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Judge won't decide yet on contempt vs journalist

By Connie E. Fernandez
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Four female journalists who are facing indirect contempt charges braced for the worse when they appeared on Friday before Judge Fortunato de Gracia of the Regional Trial Court.

It turned out to be a dud when the judge said he will decide in five days if he would cite them in indirect contempt for publishing an article linking him to an alleged bribe attempt.

A few hours before the hearing of the contempt charges at 2 p.m., Cebu Daily News (CDN) publisher Eileen Mangubat gave a toothbrush each to editor in chief Thea Riñen, news editor Piedad Gonzalez and reporter Suzzane Salva, "just in case."

The courtroom was filled with mostly journalists and lawyers. This was the first time that a judge had charged with indirect contempt the three top editors and a reporter of a local paper.

De Gracia had ordered the four journalists to explain why they should not be cited in indirect contempt after he felt maligned by the CDN's front-page article entitled "Judge bribed?" on Feb. 28.

In an "opening statement of the court" released on Friday morning, De Gracia also took offense on the paper's ear, which showed Siloy, the paper's maskot, uttering "*Disgrasya?*"

The judge said the statement was "an unmistakable and dismaying comic parody" of his surname to subject him to ridicule.

He also said the respondents did not tone down the "palpably condemnatory" headline, "despite liberal quotations in the write-up."

In her argument, Paredes told the court that the English translation of the Cebuano word *disgrasya* is not disgrace but "accident."

She also said the article was "not contumacious" because it was a "fair and true report, made in good faith, without any comments or remarks of an official proceeding, which is not confidential in nature."

The story, she added, fell under the category of qualified privileged communication because it was based on the testimony of assistant prosecutor Mary Ann Castro during an inquiry of the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas on the alleged bribery attempt at the City Prosecutor's Office.

She said the headline did not directly accuse the judge but merely raised a question.

Castro is among the three prosecutors assigned to handle an illegal drug case filed against three suspected members of the Hong Kong Triad before De Gracia's sala.

During the Feb. 27 inquiry, the CDN quoted Castro as saying that lawyer Gines Abellana gave her P10,000 in exchange for not opposing a motion to bail filed by the accused.

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RE: FORMAL NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF DEREGULATED RATES PURSUANT TO SECTION VIII.2.a OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 153, SERIES OF 1999, FOR THE VESSELS

MV SUPERFERRY 1
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CASE NO. 2001-062
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CASE NO. 2001-031

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NOTICE

COMES NOW, applicant through counsel and unto this Honorable Authority, respectfully notifies this Authority of its intention to adopt upward adjustment of its deregulated passage and freight rates pursuant to Section VIII.2.1 of Memorandum Circular No. 153, and respectfully states that:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines and with principal office address at 12th Flr., TIMES PLAZA BLDG., U.N. Ave. corner Taft Ave., Manila;
2. Applicant is the lawful and absolute owner of the above vessels which operate in their respective authorized routes. Attached as integral part hereof are photostatic copies of PROVISIONAL AUTHORITIES (PAs);
3. Applicant proposes to increase its passage and freight rates effective fifteen (15) days after publication of this notice, as follows:

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4. Applicant is proposing to increase its PASSAGE RATES amounting to P80.00 per passenger regardless of link or accommodation in view of the following reasons:
   - a. 25% increase for HULL & MACHINERY, and P & I insurance premium;
   - b. Increase in basic minimum wage and E-COLA (Emergency and Cost of Living Allowance);
   - c. Increase in the cost of food provisions and supplies by 15%; and
   - d. 25 % increase in port charges.
5. Applicant has not availed of any upward adjustment of its passage and freight rates for least one (1) year;
6. The provisions of M.C. No. 153, specifically Section VIII.2 paragraphs (a) to (f) would be complied with by the applicant and would submit proofs of its compliance within five (5) days from publication;
7. Applicant is financially capable to operate and maintain the proposed service; and
8. Applicant is ready and willing to comply with the other provisions of M.C. No. 153, E.O. NO. 213, the Public Service Act (Commonwealth Act No. 146 as amended), the rules and regulations of this Honorable Authority, as well as other terms and conditions which may be imposed by any ORDER to be imposed by this Honorable Authority relative to this Application.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that this submission be noted by the Honorable Authority as applicant's compliance with Section VIII.2 paragraph (a) of M.C. 153.

Applicant prays for such other reliefs just and equitable under the premises.

Manila, Philippines, 14 March 2002.

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Issued at Manila on 19 October 2001

VERIFICATION

I, RAFAEL L. SANVICTORES, of legal age, Filipino, married, and a resident of Quezon City, after having sworn to in accordance with the law, do hereby depose and say, THAT:

1. I have caused the preparation of the foregoing notice/compliance; and
2. I have read the contents of said notice/compliance, the contents of which are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 14 day of March 2002.

RAFAEL L. SANVICTORES
Chief Operating Officer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 14 day of March 2002 at Manila, Philippines. Affiant exhibiting to me his COMMUNITY TAX CERTIFICATE NO. 15535932 issued on February 8, 2002 at Manila.

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Mla to/ from	SUPERVALUE								MEGAVALUE							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod	1,245	80	6.4%	1,325	1325	80	6.0%	1,405	1400	80	5.7%	1,480	1485	80	5.4%	1,565
Cagayan de Oro	1,530	80	5.2%	1,610	1650	80	4.8%	1,730	1670	80	4.8%	1,750	1790	80	4.5%	1,870
Cebu	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1265	80	6.3%	1,345	1330	80	6.0%	1,410	1410	80	5.7%	1,490
Coron	800	80	10.0%	880	870	80	9.2%	950	1070	80	7.5%	1,150	1140	80	7.0%	1,220
Cotabato	1,625	80	4.9%	1,705	1800	80	4.4%	1,880	1740	80	4.6%	1,820	1900	80	4.2%	1,980
Davao/ Gensan	1,600	80	5.0%	1,680	1760	80	4.5%	1,840	1740	80	4.6%	1,820	1900	80	4.2%	1,980
Dipolog	1,050	80	7.6%	1,130	1150	80	7.0%	1,230		80				80		
Dumaguete	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1265	80	6.3%	1,345	1400	80	5.7%	1,480	1480	80	5.4%	1,560
Dumaguete/ Roxas	845	80	9.5%	925	920	80	8.7%	1,000	955	80	8.4%	1,035	1020	80	7.8%	1,100
Iligan	1,260	80	6.3%	1,340	1340	80	6.0%	1,420	1330	80	6.0%	1,410	1470	80	5.4%	1,550
Iloilo	1,245	80	6.4%	1,325	1325	80	6.0%	1,405	1400	80	5.7%	1,480	1485	80	5.4%	1,565
Nasipit/ Butuan	1,480	80	5.4%	1,560	1600	80	5.0%	1,680	1570	80	5.1%	1,650	1680	80	4.8%	1,760
Ozamis	1,260	80	6.3%	1,340	1340	80	6.0%	1,420	1330	80	6.0%	1,410	1470	80	5.4%	1,550
Palompon	660	80	12.1%	740	720	80	11.1%	800	840	80	9.5%	920	900	80	8.9%	980
Puerto Princesa	1,120	80	7.1%	1,200	1195	80	6.7%	1,275	1270	80	6.3%	1,350	1355	80	5.9%	1,435
Surigao	1,315	80	6.1%	1,395	1440	80	5.6%	1,520	1470	80	5.4%	1,550	1540	80	5.2%	1,620
Tagbilaran	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1265	80	6.3%	1,345	1400	80	5.7%	1,480	1480	80	5.4%	1,560
Zamboanga	1,230	80	6.5%	1,310	1390	80	5.8%	1,470	1370	80	5.8%	1,450	1530	80	5.2%	1,610

Mla to/ from	Tourist								Bus.Class							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod	1480	80	5.1%	1,560	1560	80	4.9%	1,640	1510	80	5.0%	1,590	1590	80	4.8%	1,670
Cagayan de Oro	1765	80	4.3%	1,845	1940	80	4.0%	2,020	1915	80	4.0%	1,995	2050	80	3.8%	2,130
Cebu	1460	80	5.2%	1,540	1510	80	5.0%	1,590	1490	80	5.1%	1,570	1590	80	4.8%	1,670
Coron	1225	80	6.1%	1,305	1280	80	5.9%	1,360								
Cotabato	1870	80	4.1%	1,950	2030	80	3.8%	2,110	2000	80	3.8%	2,080	2200	80	3.5%	2,780
Davao/ Gensan	1840	80	4.2%	1,920	2000	80	3.8%	2,080	2000	80	3.8%	2,080	2225	80	3.5%	2,305
Dipolog	1470	80	5.2%	1,550	1535	80	5.0%	1,615	1645	80	4.6%	1,725	1795	80	4.3%	1,875
Dumaguete	1540	80	4.9%	1,620	1620	80	4.7%	1,700	1620	80	4.7%	1,700	1700	80	4.5%	1,780
Dumaguete/ Roxas	1035	80	7.2%	1,115	1115	80	6.7%	1,195								
Iligan	1615	80	4.7%	1,695	1750	80	4.4%	1,830	1720	80	4.4%	1,800	1850	80	4.1%	1,930
Iloilo	1480	80	5.1%	1,560	1560	80	4.9%	1,640	1510	80	5.0%	1,590	1590	80	4.8%	1,670
Nasipit/ Butuan	1740	80	4.4%	1,820	1870	80	4.1%	1,950	1785	80	4.3%	1,865	1950	80	3.9%	2,030
Ozamis	1615	80	4.7%	1,695	1750	80	4.4%	1,830	1720	80	4.4%	1,800	1850	80	4.1%	1,930
Palompon									1140	80	6.6%	1,220	1200	80	6.3%	1,280
Puerto Princesa	1420	80	5.3%	1,500	1500	80	5.1%	1,580								
Surigao	1670	80	4.6%	1,750	1740	80	4.4%	1,820	1730	80	4.4%	1,810	1780	80	4.3%	1,860
Tagbilaran	1540	80	4.9%	1,620	1620	80	4.7%	1,700	1620	80	4.7%	1,700	1700	80	4.5%	1,780
Zamboanga	1470	80	5.2%	1,550	1650	80	4.6%	1,730	1630	80	4.7%	1,710	1790	80	4.3%	1,870

Mla to/ from	Cabin								Royal Cabin							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod	1550	80	4.9%	1,630	1655	80	4.6%	1,735	3300(2)	80	2.4%	3,380	3500(2)	80	2.3%	3,580
Cagayan de Oro	2060	80	3.7%	2,140	2200	80	3.5%	2,280	4200(2)	80	1.9%	4,280	4600(2)	80	1.7%	4,680
Cebu	1650	80	4.6%	1,730	1730	80	4.4%	1,810								
Coron	1580	80	4.8%	1,660	1660	80	4.6%	1,740								
Cotabato	2165	80	3.6%	2,245	2390	80	3.2%	2,470								
Davao/ Gensan	2225	80	3.5%	2,305	2450	80	3.2%	2,530								
Dipolog	1750	80	4.4%	1,830	1880	80	4.1%	1,960								
Dumaguete	1650	80	4.6%	1,730	1750	80	4.4%	1,830								
Dumaguete/ Roxas	1345	80	5.6%	1,425	1425	80	5.3%	1,505								
Iligan	1810	80	4.2%	1,890	1950	80	3.9%	2,030								
Iloilo	1550	80	4.9%	1,630	1655	80	4.6%	1,735	3300(2)	80	2.4%	3,380	3500(2)	80	2.3%	3,580
Nasipit/ Butuan	1885	80	4.1%	1,965	2100	80	3.7%	2,180								
Ozamis	1810	80	4.2%	1,890	1950	80	3.9%	2,030								
Palompon	1240	80	6.1%	1,320	1300	80	5.8%	1,380								
Puerto Princesa	1580	80	4.8%	1,660	1660	80	4.6%	1,740								
Surigao	1815	80	4.2%	1,895	2025	80	3.8%	2,105								
Tagbilaran	1650	80	4.6%	1,730	1750	80	4.4%	1,830								
Zamboanga	1790	80	4.3%	1,870	1950	80	3.9%	2,030								

Mla to/ from	Stateroom								Suiteroom							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod	3420(2)	80	2.3%	3,500	3740(2)	80	2.1%	3,820	4260(2)	80	1.9%	4,340	4480(2)	80	1.8%	4,560
Cagayan de Oro	4400(2)	80	1.8%	4,480	4800(2)	80	1.7%	4,880	4680(2)	80	1.7%	4,760	5080(2)	80	1.6%	5,160
Cebu	3700(2)	80	2.2%	3,780	4200(2)	80	1.9%	4,280	4000(2)	80	2.0%	4,080	4400(2)	80	1.8%	4,480
	5550(3)	80	1.4%	5,630	6300(3)	80	1.3%	6,380	6000(3)	80	1.3%	6,080	6600(3)		0.0%	6,600
	7400(4)	80	1.1%	7,480	8400(4)	80	1.0%	8,480								
Coron	3740(2)	80	2.1%	3,820	4060(2)	80	2.0%	4,140	3900(2)	80	2.1%	3,980	4200(2)	80	1.9%	4,280
Cotabato	4620(2)	80	1.7%	4,700	4920(2)	80	1.6%	5,000	5000(2)	80	1.6%	5,080	5300(2)	80	1.5%	5,380
Davao/ Gensan	4920(2)	80	1.6%	5,000	5240(2)	80	1.5%	5,320	5020(2)	80	1.6%	5,100	5680(2)	80	1.4%	5,760
Dipolog	3650(2)	80	2.2%	3,730	3900(2)	80	2.1%	3,980								
Dumaguete	3460(2)	80	2.3%	3,540	3720(2)	80	2.2%	3,800	4160(2)	80	1.9%	4,240	4460(2)	80	1.8%	4,540
Dumaguete/ Roxas	3010(2)	80	2.7%	3,090	3170(2)	80	2.5%	3,250	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3360(2)	80	2.4%	3,440
Iligan	3800(2)	80	2.1%	3,880	4100(2)	80	2.0%	4,180	4000(2)	80	2.0%	4,080	4300(2)	80	1.9%	4,380
Iloilo	3420(2)	80	2.3%	3,500	3740(2)	80	2.1%	3,820	4260(2)	80	1.9%	4,340	4480(2)	80	1.8%	4,560
Nasipit/ Butuan	4230(2)	80	1.9%	4,310	4500(2)	80	1.8%	4,580	4420(2)	80	1.8%	4,500	4800(2)	80	1.7%	4,880
Ozamis	3800(2)	80	2.1%	3,880	4100(2)	80	2.0%	4,180	4000(2)	80	2.0%	4,080	4300(2)	80	1.9%	4,380
Palompon	2780(2)	80	2.9%	2,860	2900(2)	80	2.8%	2,980								
Puerto Princesa	3740(2)	80	2.1%	3,820	4060(2)	80	2.0%	4,140	3900(2)	80	2.1%	3,980	4200(2)	80	1.9%	4,280
Surigao	4080(2)	80	2.0%	4,160	4350(2)	80	1.8%	4,430	4150(2)	80	1.9%	4,230	4490(2)	80	1.8%	4,570
Tagbilaran	3400(2)	80	2.4%	3,480	3560(2)	80	2.2%	3,640	3800(2)	80	2.1%	3,880	4000(2)	80	2.0%	4,080
Zamboanga	3800(2)	80	2.1%	3,880	4200(2)	80	1.9%	4,280	4100(2)	80	2.0%	4,180	4600(2)	80	1.7%	4,680

WG&A PASSAGE INTERPORT RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2002

Interport	SUPER VALUE								MEGA VALUE							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod-Cagayan	1,190	80	6.7%	1,270	1,230	80	6.5%	1,310	1,230	80	6.5%	1,310	1,270	80	6.3%	1,350
Bacolod-Iligan	1,145	80	7.0%	1,225	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,255	80	6.4%	1,335
Bacolod-Ozamis	1,145	80	7.0%	1,225	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,255	80	6.4%	1,335
Cagayan-Dumaguete	430	80	18.6%	510					440	80	18.2%	520				
Cagayan-Iloilo	1,190	80	6.7%	1,270	1,230	80	6.5%	1,310	1,230	80	6.5%	1,310	1,270	80	6.3%	1,350
Cebu-Nasipit	440	80	18.2%	520	490	80	16.3%	570	525	80	15.2%	605	565	80	14.2%	645
Cebu-Surigao	365	80	21.9%	445	400	80	20.0%	480	415	80	19.3%	495	450	80	17.8%	530
Coron-P. Princesa	800	80	10.0%	880	870	80	9.2%	950	1,070	80	7.5%	1,150	1,140	80	7.0%	1,220
Dumaguete-Roxas	90	80	88.9%	170		80			150	80	53.3%	230				
Gen. Santos-Davao	270	80	29.6%	350	340	80	23.5%	420	470	80	17.0%	550	540	80	14.8%	620
Gen. Santos-Zamboanga	670	80	11.9%	750	735	80	10.9%	815	790	80	10.1%	870	855	80	9.4%	935
Iligan-Ozamis	200	80	40.0%	280					270	80	29.6%	350				
Iloilo-Davao	1,200	80	6.7%	1,280	1,315	80	6.1%	1,395	1,340	80	6.0%	1,420	1,460	80	5.5%	1,540
Iloilo-Iligan	1,145	80	7.0%	1,225	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,255	80	6.4%	1,335
Iloilo-Ozamis	1,145	80	7.0%	1,225	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,185	80	6.8%	1,265	1,255	80	6.4%	1,335
Iloilo-Gen. Santos	1,200	80	6.7%	1,280	1,315	80	6.1%	1,395	1,340	80	6.0%	1,420	1,460	80	5.5%	1,540
Iloilo-Cotabato	950	80	8.4%	1,030	1,080	80	7.4%	1,160	1,265	80	6.3%	1,345	1,390	80	5.8%	1,470
Iloilo-Zamboanga	695	80	11.5%	775	775	80	10.3%	855	900	80	8.9%	980	975	80	8.2%	1,055
Nasipit-Surigao	270	80	29.6%	350	305	80	26.2%	385	330	80	24.2%	410	370	80	21.6%	450
Tagbilaran-Dipolog	270	80	29.6%	350	315	80	25.4%	395								
Tagbilaran-Dumaguete	200	80	40.0%	280					270	80	29.6%	350				
Zamboanga-Cotabato	455	80	17.6%	535	495	80	16.2%	575	625	80	12.8%	705	665	80	12.0%	745
Zamboanga-Davao	670	80	11.9%	750	735	80	10.9%	815	790	80	10.1%	870	855	80	9.4%	935

Interport	TOURIST								BUSINESS CLASS							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod-Cagayan	1,330	80	6.0%	1,410	1,390	80	5.8%	1,470	1,390	80	5.76%	147000.0%	1,450	80	5.5%	1,530
Bacolod-Iligan	1,285	80	6.2%	1,365	1,345	80	5.9%	1,425	1,345	80	5.95%	147500.0%	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485
Bacolod-Ozamis	1,285	80	6.2%	1,365	1,345	80	5.9%	1,425	1,345	80	5.95%	147500.0%	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485
Cagayan-Dumaguete	570	80	14.0%	650					705	80	11.35%	78500.0%				
Cagayan-Iloilo	1,330	80	6.0%	1,410	1,390	80	5.8%	1,470	1,390	80	5.76%	147000.0%	1,450	80	5.5%	1,530
Cebu-Nasipit	665	80	12.0%	745	750	80	10.7%	830	765	80	10.46%	84500.0%	855	80	9.4%	935
Cebu-Surigao	505	80	15.8%	585	545	80	14.7%	625	595	80	13.45%	67500.0%	630	80	12.7%	710
Coron-P. Princesa	1,225	80	6.5%	1,305	1,280	80	6.2%	1,360								
Dumaguete-Roxas	200	80	40.0%	280												
Gen. Santos-Davao	600	80	13.3%	680	670	80	11.9%	750	670	80	11.94%	75000.0%	800	80	10.0%	880
Gen. Santos-Zamboanga	960	80	8.3%	1,040	1,025	80	7.8%	1,105	1,070	80	7.48%	115000.0%	1,160	80	6.9%	1,240
Iligan-Ozamis	365	80	21.9%	445												
Iloilo-Davao	1,560	80	5.1%	1,640	1,700	80	4.7%	1,780	1,650	80	4.85%	173000.0%	1,780	80	4.5%	1,860
Iloilo-Iligan	1,285	80	6.2%	1,365	1,345	80	5.9%	1,425	1,345	80	5.95%	142500.0%	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485
Iloilo-Ozamis	1,285	80	6.2%	1,365	1,345	80	5.9%	1,425	1,345	80	5.95%	142500.0%	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485
Iloilo-Gen. Santos	1,560	80	5.1%	1,640	1,700	80	4.7%	1,780	1,650	80	4.85%	173000.0%	1,780	80	4.5%	1,860
Iloilo-Cotabato	1,365	80	5.9%	1,445	1,475	80	5.4%	1,555	1,455	80	5.50%	153500.0%	1,580	80	5.1%	1,660
Iloilo-Zamboanga	950	80	8.4%	1,030	1,025	80	7.8%	1,105	1,025	80	7.80%	110500.0%	1,100	80	7.3%	1,180
Nasipit-Surigao	470	80	17.0%	550	505	80	15.8%	585								
Tagbilaran-Dipolog	475	80	16.8%	555	480	80	16.7%	560	480	80	16.67%	56000.0%	550	80	14.5%	630
Tagbilaran-Dumaguete	365	80	21.9%	445												
Zamboanga-Cotabato	770	80	10.4%	850	805	80	9.9%	885	870	80	9.20%	95000.0%	905	80	8.8%	985
Zamboanga-Davao	960	80	8.3%	1,040	1,025	80	7.8%	1,105	1,070	80	7.48%	115000.0%	1,160	80	6.9%	1,240

Interport	CABIN								ROYAL CABIN							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod-Cagayan	1,615	80	5.0%	1,695	1,745	80	4.6%	1,825	3380(2)	80	2.4%	3,460	3630(2)	80	2.2%	3,710
Bacolod-Iligan	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485	1,465	80	5.5%	1,545								
Bacolod-Ozamis	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485	1,465	80	5.5%	1,545								
Cagayan-Dumaguete	775	80	10.3%	855												
Cagayan-Iloilo	1,615	80	5.0%	1,695	1,745	80	4.6%	1,825	3380(2)	80	2.4%	3,460	3630(2)	80	2.2%	3,710
Cebu-Nasipit	895	80	8.9%	975	980	80	8.2%	1,060								
Cebu-Surigao	670	80	11.9%	750	730	80	11.0%	810								
Coron-P. Princesa	1,580	80	5.1%	1,660	1,660	80	4.8%	1,740								
Dumaguete-Roxas																
Gen. Santos-Davao	870	80	9.2%	950	1,000	80	8.0%	1,080								
Gen. Santos-Zamboanga	1,330	80	6.0%	1,410	1,420	80	5.6%	1,500								
Iligan-Ozamis																
Iloilo-Davao	1,750	80	4.6%	1,830	1,900	80	4.2%	1,980								
Iloilo-Iligan	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485	1,465	80	5.5%	1,545								
Iloilo-Ozamis	1,405	80	5.7%	1,485	1,465	80	5.5%	1,545								
Iloilo-Gen. Santos	1,750	80	4.6%	1,830	1,900	80	4.2%	1,980								
Iloilo-Cotabato	1,565	80	5.1%	1,645	1,700	80	4.7%	1,780								
Iloilo-Zamboanga	1,200	80	6.7%	1,280	1,300	80	6.2%	1,380								
Nasipit-Surigao																
Tagbilaran-Dipolog	665	80	12.0%	745	765	80	10.5%	845								
Tagbilaran-Dumaguete																
Zamboanga-Cotabato	965	80	8.3%	1,045	1,025	80	7.8%	1,105								
Zamboanga-Davao	1,330	80	6.0%	1,410	1,420	80	5.6%	1,500								

Interport	STATE								SUITE							
	w/o meals				w/ meals				w/o meals				w/ meals			
	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total	Current Rates	Proposed Increase P80	% Increase	total
Bacolod-Cagayan	3750(2)	80	2.1%	3,830	4000(2)	80	2.0%	4,080	3980(2)	80	2.0%	4,060	4250(2)	80	1.9%	4,330
Bacolod-Iligan	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3400(2)	80	2.4%	3,480
Bacolod-Ozamis	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3400(2)	80	2.4%	3,480
Cagayan-Dumaguete	1800(2)	80	4.4%	1,880					2070(2)	80	3.9%	2,150				
Cagayan-Iloilo	3750(2)	80	2.1%	3,830	4000(2)	80	2.0%	4,080	3980(2)	80	2.0%	4,060	4250(2)	80	1.9%	4,330
Cebu-Nasipit	2130(2)	80	3.8%	2,210	2310(2)	80	3.5%	2,390	2310(2)	80	3.5%	2,390	2540(2)	80	3.1%	2,620
Cebu-Surigao	1530(2)	80	5.2%	1,610	1650(2)	80	4.8%	1,730	1700(2)	80	4.7%	1,780	1830(2)	80	4.4%	1,910
Coron-P. Princesa	3500(2)	80	2.3%	3,580	3700(2)	80	2.2%	3,780	3600(2)	80	2.2%	3,680	3800(2)	80	2.1%	3,880
Dumaguete-Roxas																
Gen. Santos-Davao	2140(2)	80	3.7%	2,220	2280(2)	80	3.5%	2,360	2540(2)	80	3.1%	2,620	2940(2)	80	2.7%	3,020
Gen. Santos-Zamboanga	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3310(2)	80	2.4%	3,390	3490(2)	80	2.3%	3,570
Iligan-Ozamis																
Iloilo-Davao	3910(2)	80	2.0%	3,990	4310(2)	80	1.9%	4,390	4250(2)	80	1.9%	4,330	4560(2)	80	1.8%	4,640
Iloilo-Iligan	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3400(2)	80	2.4%	3,480
Iloilo-Ozamis	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3400(2)	80	2.4%	3,480
Iloilo-Gen. Santos	3910(2)	80	2.0%	3,990	4310(2)	80	1.9%	4,390	4250(2)	80	1.9%	4,330	4560(2)	80	1.8%	4,640
Iloilo-Cotabato	3400(2)	80	2.4%	3,480	3690(2)	80	2.2%	3,770	3710(2)	80	2.2%	3,790	4110(2)	80	1.9%	4,190
Iloilo-Zamboanga	2700(2)	80	3.0%	2,780	2900(2)	80	2.8%	2,980	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3300(2)	80	2.4%	3,380
Nasipit-Surigao																
Tagbilaran-Dipolog	1730(2)	80	4.6%	1,810	1930(2)	80	4.1%	2,010	1880(2)	80	4.3%	1,960	2140(2)	80	3.7%	2,220
Tagbilaran-Dumaguete																
Zamboanga-Cotabato	2310(2)	80	3.5%	2,390	2440(2)	80	3.3%	2,520	2730(2)	80	2.9%	2,810	2850(2)	80	2.8%	2,930
Zamboanga-Davao	3000(2)	80	2.7%	3,080	3200(2)	80	2.5%	3,280	3310(2)	80	2.4%	3,390	3490(2)	80	2.3%	3,570

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11 Bulacan policemen in 'hot water'

CAMP GENERAL ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—Eleven policemen in Bulacan were either suspended or investigated for their alleged involvement in hijacking, kidnapping, car theft, murder and extortion cases.

PO3 Jaime Tadeo, PO2 Ricardo de Guzman and Roderick Venturina, all of the San Rafael police, are facing possible dismissal for the hijacking of dressed and live chickens worth P500,000 on Feb. 18 in San Ildefonso town.

Chief Insp. Alfredo Marquez, San Rafael police chief, has been relieved for failing to detect the alleged illegal activities of his men, according to Senior Supt. Edgardo Acuna, Bulacan police director.

In Baliuag town, a woman has accused SPO1 Renato Cruz, PO2 Romeo Segundo and PO3 Orlando Guevarra Cruz, all of the town police, and PO1 Allainer Lapena of the provincial drug enforcement group of illegal arrest and extortion.

Carmelita Santiago of Barangay Virgen de las Flores in Baliuag said the policemen forcibly took her from the house of her in-laws on Feb. 28 after they failed to locate her husband whom they suspected to be a drug pusher.

She said she was handcuffed and taken to the house of Lapena near her house in Virgen de las Flores. She said she was only released the next day after her mother gave P7,000 to the policemen.

It was learned that the policemen allegedly demanded P30,000 for Santiago's release. She was released after her mother promised to give the balance of P23,000 on March 8.

Santiago complained to the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, which set an entrapment on March 8 at Lapena's house.

In the entrapment, Cruz was arrested. He is facing charges of illegal arrest and extortion before the provincial prosecutor's office in Malolos. The three other policemen are under investigation.

Supt. Ervin Gumban, Baliuag police chief, said Santiago and her husband are known pushers of illegal drugs in the area and are in the police's order of battle against drugs.

He said the operation against the couple was legitimate.

In Balagtas town, PO1 Eugenio Raymundo and PO3 Cecilio Galvez were investigated for their alleged involvement in the abduction of a resident in the town on Feb. 15.

Antonio San Jose, 34, had failed to return home after he was taken allegedly by the policemen in Barangay Burol 1st in Balagtas town. ***Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

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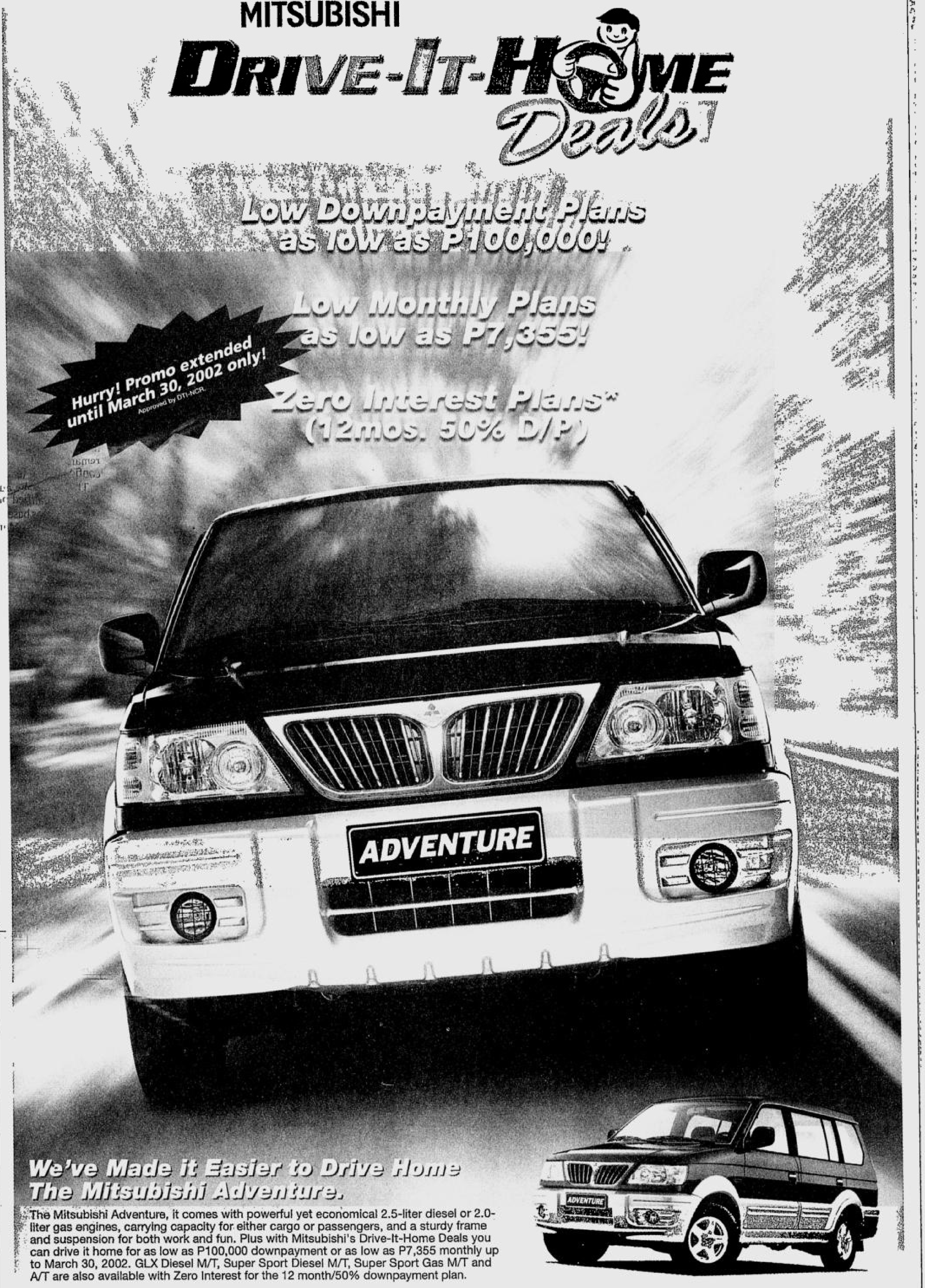
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Gas A/T	740,000	**100,000**	29,421	20,989
GLS Diesel M/T	720,000	**100,000**	28,625	20,421
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Model	ESP	50% D/P	12 mos.	36 mos.	60 mos.
GL Diesel M/T	611,000	305,000	26,316	10,299	7,355
GLX Gas M/T	645,000	322,500	27,780	10,872	7,765
Diesel M/T	670,000	335,000	***27,917**	11,293	8,066
GLS Gas M/T	705,000	352,500	30,364	11,883	8,487
Gas A/T	740,000	370,000	31,871	12,473	8,908
GLS Diesel M/T	720,000	360,000	31,010	12,136	8,668
Super Sport Diesel M/T	770,000	385,000	***32,083**	12,979	9,270
Super Sport Gas M/T	750,000	375,000	***31,250**	12,642	9,029
Gas A/T	790,000	395,000	***32,917**	13,316	9,511

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Puerto vice mayor faces new case for nepotism, wage scam

By Geraldford P. Ticke
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Vice Mayor Fernando U. Batul is facing another graft charge before the Office of the Ombudsman.

This time, Batul was accused of employing his relatives in the city government and using two City Hall employees to serve as his revisors in an electoral protest in Manila.

Rolando Zara, a former member of the defunct Night Patrol group of volunteers for the city government, filed the complaint with Nationwatch against the vice mayor for alleged violation of the anti-graft and corrupt practices law.

Nationwatch is the local branch of the Office of the Ombudsman here headed by lawyer Arnulfo Tagle.

Zara said in his affidavit submitted before the City Prosecutor's Office that Batul violated the provisions of the anti-graft law by failing to file a statement identifying and disclosing the positions of his relatives in the city government.

Batul's accusers said the vice mayor could be guilty of nepotism after he had his relatives employed by the city government.

Zara said Batul's sister, Merlina Batul, works as his secretary while another sister, Dr. Felina Batul, is a dentist at a hospital in the city run by the government.

The employment contracts of the two need Batul's personal approval, Zara said.

He said Batul committed another violation of the law when he allowed two city employees to collect wages from the city government without actually performing work for City Hall.

The employees, Zara said, were used by Batul to help him in his electoral case at the Comelec in Manila and drew salaries from the Puerto Princesa City government.

Zara added that Batul approved the joint venture agreement entered into by the city government and the Palawan Cock Breeding Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

The joint venture agreement allowed the cooperative to run the city's cockpit even if the cooperative was not authorized to do so.

No public bidding was held before the management of the cockpit was handed down to the cooperative.

Batul, however, dismissed the charges as part of a smear campaign by members of camps who want to destroy him.

Zara said city employees Jane Pe, Oliver Fernandez, Marilou Roque and Gregorio Viguesilla Jr. were used by Batul for his electoral case before the Comelec in Manila.

Technology for war finds nobler cause in Quirino forests

CABARROGUIS, Quirino—High-tech pieces of military equipment that are being used in tracking down targets behind enemy lines such as those used during the Gulf War, in Afghanistan, and in Basilan in Mindanao are now being used here for a nobler purpose — tracking down this province's forest cover to guide reforestation programs.

This province is the first in Cagayan Valley, if not in the country, to use the pieces of equipment in reforestation program planning.

Under what is collectively called the Geographic Information System or GIS, satellite photographs of forests and other vegetative covers are entered into computers.

Like X-ray photographs of a person's internal organs, the satellite photographs can show where the thick forests and where the logged over areas are.

"We can therefore easily monitor how far we have gone in our forest rehabilitation program by comparing today's satellite photos with those taken five to 10 years from now," said Celestino Guillermo, head of the GIS division of the Philippine-German Community Forestry Project-Quirino (CFPQ).

CFPQ is a German government-funded project, which pioneered the use of GIS in complementing and helping update land-use maps prepared by local governments and peoples' organizations in the province.

Part of GIS is also what is called the Global Positioning System or GPS, which, to lay people, is like a system using a sophisticated compass that gets its guidance from satellites.

The GPS, which are now being used in some vehicles as a compass and electronic map, measures the perimeter and areas of forestlands and even boundaries of each town and barangay.

Data taken from the ground through a GPS gadget, which looks like a cellular phone cum sophisticated calculator, are also entered into computers to supplement satellite photographs.

Once entered into computers, the data taken through GPS and the satellite photographs can be printed out as complete maps showing not only forest covers or bald areas but also land topography, altitude, perimeters and areas.

German funding for the CFPQ, which began in 1990, ends in December this year.

But the CFPQ has ensured the transfer of the technology by training Guillermo, a computer science graduate, and his partner, Grace Dorothy Germinal, a computer engineer. ***Maurice Malanes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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Council asked to scrap anti-women ordinances

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A women's group here has urged the city council to scrap an ordinance requiring hotels, motels, lodging houses and other similar establishments to promote the use of condoms.

City Ordinance No. 9, which was passed by the council in 2000, also mandates that all workers in the entertainment industry here should undergo seminars on HIV and sexually transmitted diseases and secure working permits from city hall.

Melba Gambong, local chair of the militant women's organization Talikala, claimed that the ordinance, in one way or the other, promotes and encourages flesh trade in the city.

"Ordinance No. 9 was a clear class legislation prejudicial to prostituted women," Gambong said.

The appeal came after city councilor Ramon Milleza spurned the move of the Department of Labor and Employment to legalize prostitution in the country.

Milleza authored a resolution passed by the city council on Tuesday vehemently opposing the labor department's attempt at legalizing the so-called "world's oldest profession."

Decriminalizing prostitution, Milleza said, would further plunge women into the abyss of moral decadence.

Gambong claimed that the salient features of Ordinance No. 9 could already be found in Republic Act 8504 or the AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998.

RA 8504 mandates local government units to create local STD/HIV/AIDS councils, whose primary task is to prevent, if not curb, the proliferation of HIV.

Gambong proposed that city government should instead reactivate the local STD/HIV/AIDS council rather than resort to other means that would tend to demean women. ***Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Puffer fish kills 3 children, sends 9 others to hospital

LEGAZPI CITY—Three young members of a family died and nine others are in serious condition at a hospital here due to food poisoning from a kind of fish, locally known as *butete*, that they ate for dinner Friday.

Estelito Jr., 5, Beata, 11, and Diony, 4—all surnamed Ariola—of Barangay Bagacay in this city died while being treated at the Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH) here.

In critical condition are their father Estelito, 60, and mother Violeta, 43; sisters Jennifer, 9, Junnyvie, 7, and Gina, 8 months old; and neighbor-relatives Orlando Bongon and his brother Jun, and Orlando Altabano, 40.

Altabano, who survived the poisoning, said they ate *butete*, which the Ariola family had prepared for dinner in the absence of better food to eat.

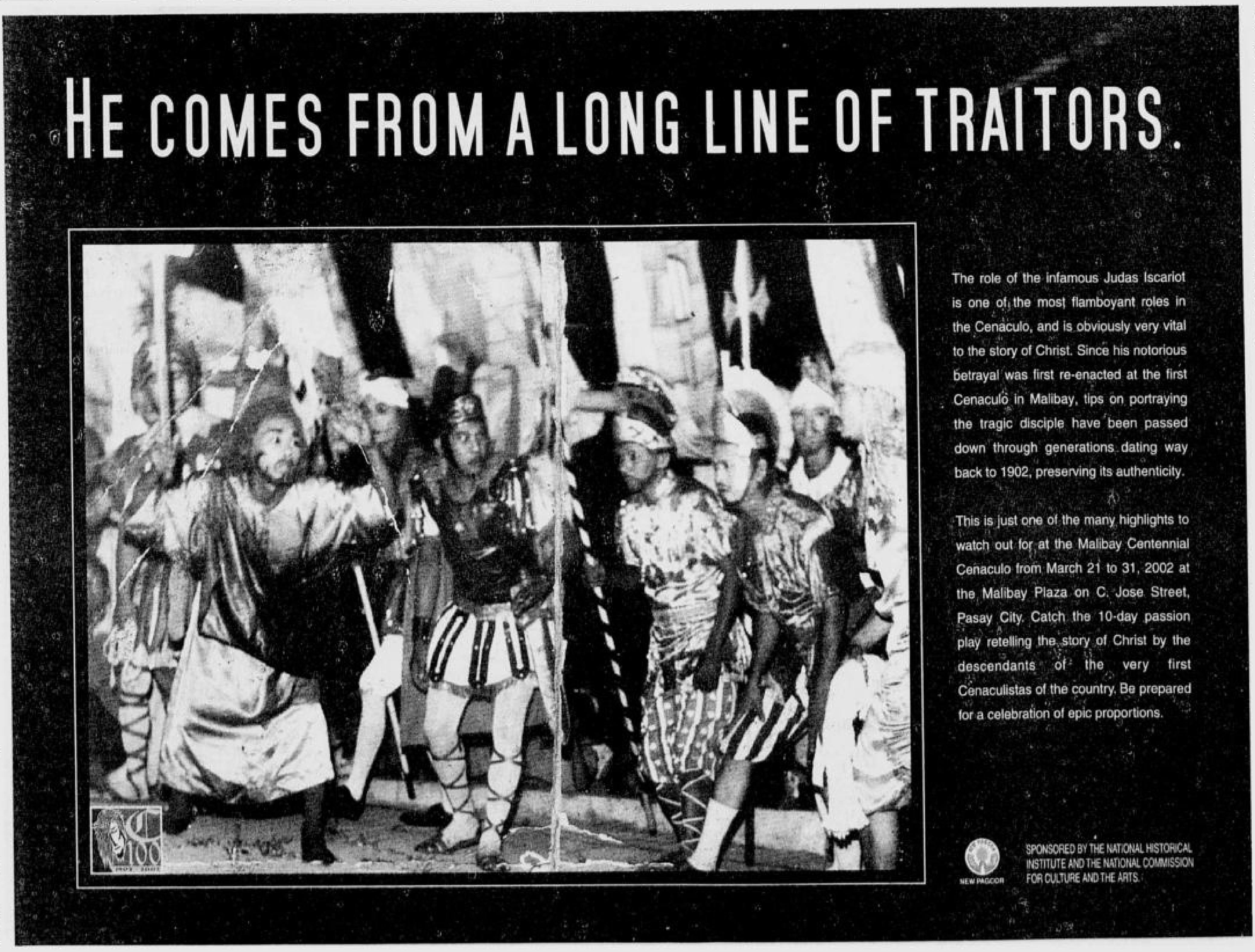
He said they took the food around 6 p.m. and after three hours he felt dizzy. He vomited and fainted—the same experience the Ariola family had.

The Bongon brothers went on fishing at the Poliqui Bay in the southern village here after taking early their dinner.

They, however, returned home around 7 p.m. after they felt dizziness and vomiting, relatives said.

The victims were rushed to the BRTTH by their neighbors.

Doctors could not yet determine the cause of poisoning. Tests to determine the toxin were being made. ***Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***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This is just one of the many highlights to watch out for at the Malibay Centennial Cenaculo from March 21 to 31, 2002 at the Malibay Plaza on C. Jose Street, Pasay City. Catch the 10-day passion play retelling the story of Christ by the descendants of the very first Cenaculistas of the country. Be prepared for a celebration of epic proportions.

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NBI chief wants public executions

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco is not only against the abolition of the death penalty, he wants the executions covered live by the media.

"It might be in some way un-Christian, but it is a good deterrent to the commission of heinous crimes," Wycoco said at the Second National Summit on the PNP Women and Children's Protection Desk held Friday in this city.

Wycoco said the rapists of women and children have no place in our society and their execution by lethal injection should be covered live for maximum deterrent effect.

"Once the live executions no longer have an effect on the public, maybe that's the time we rescind the death penalty law," he said.

Convicted child-rapist Leo Echegaray was the first to die by lethal injection when the death penalty was re-imposed. His execution on Feb. 5, 1999 was covered live by the media.

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Troops, bandits clash in Basilan; 1 wounded

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firefight broke out between Filipino soldiers and Abu Sayyaf bandits shortly before dawn Sunday in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan.

Detoyato told the Agence France Presse that a Philippine military helicopter evacuated a wounded soldier while two other helicopter gunships attacked the bandits.

Tipo-Tipo Mayor Joel Maturan said the firefight erupted at 4 a.m. in Sitio Tampad, Barangay Guinanta, a stronghold of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

He said the clash came after the military intercepted an Abu Sayyaf radio message and deployed an Army unit to track them down.

None of the 160 US Special Forces troops advising the Philippine military on anti-terrorist operations were involved in the clash.

Detoyato said the bandits involved in the fighting were not from the same faction holding an American missionary couple and a Filipino nurse hostage.

The soldiers were on a mission to seek out the bandits and prevent them taking sanctuary in local towns, he added.

The bandits were led by Amir Minkong, whom the military described as an Abu Sayyaf leader.

But the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the largest Muslim separatist group in the Philippines, says he is one of their own.

The MILF, which has over 1,000 troops in Basilan, has warned of possible confrontations if the Americans venture into their territory.

The MILF is currently observing a ceasefire with Manila, but the Philippine military said it would take action against the group if it attacked US troops.

Both Manila and Washington have said the 300-odd Abu Sayyaf group in Basilan has ties to the terror network of Bin Laden, the main suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States. ***Reports from Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and AFP***

FBI chief warns of al-Qaida threat

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the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States," he added.

Golez said Mueller had issued the same warning to Australia and New Zealand.

Authorities in Manila, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur have recently arrested suspected members of the al-Qaida and uncovered evidence that they were planning to attack US targets in the region.

Golez said Mueller appeared impressed with the Philippine government's success in fighting global terrorism.

"He was particularly impressed that we had intercepted at least eight international terrorists so far," Golez said.

Paper trail

On Sunday, the New York Times reported an extensive paper trail left across Afghanistan by fleeing Taliban and al-Qaida fighters provided a glimpse into the mindset and inner workings of Islamic radicals who have declared jihad against the West.

Reporters for the daily collected over 5,000 pages of documents from abandoned safe houses and training camps destroyed by bombs, some as mundane as a grocery list, others as chilling as notes for the proper positioning of a truck bomb.

Times reporters came upon the documents in musty basements and yards strewn with trash and grenades and mines.

"Taken together, they tell a rich inside story of the network of radical Islamic groups that Osama bin Laden helped assemble in Afghanistan," the Times wrote.

The documents showed that the training camps, which the Bush administration has described as factories churning out terrorists, were instead focused largely on creating an army to support the Taliban, which was waging a long ground war against the Northern Alliance.

"The vast majority of them were cannon fodder," a US official told the Times.

A smaller group of recruits was selected for elite training that appeared to prepare them for terrorist actions abroad.

"Observing foreign embassies and facilities" was the subject of one al-Qaida espionage course. Another taught "shooting the personality and his guard from a motorcycle."

Above all, the documents show how far Bin Laden progressed in realizing his goal of joining Muslim militants into a global army aimed at the West, according to the Times.

Lists found in houses around Afghanistan show that the men came from countries in the Islamic world and beyond: Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Bosnia, Bangladesh, China, the Philippines, Russia, Britain, Canada and the United States.

The young men arrived in Afghanistan under the auspices of several different militant groups, each of which ran training camps. But once there, they received strikingly similar courses of religious indoctrination and military training. ***With a report from AFP***

US request a 'cover' for combat troops, says opposition

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But judging from the conflicting statements of presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao and chief military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan, the request remains very much on the drawing board.

Tiglao yesterday said the deployment of some 300 more American military personnel on Basilan Island was being planned for what he called "civic action work."

This, he said, was not in conflict with the terms of reference (TOR) of the six-month-long Balikatan 02-1 military exercise.

"The TOR set (a limit of) around 600 US personnel but it does not say that it's the absolute ceiling for that," he said. "It did not categorically say that absolutely it would be 600 personnel."

He also said the request emerged from "informal proposals based on the assessment of both the US and RP (military) personnel in Basilan."

Different answers

But on all three points, Adan offered different answers. He said the Americans would need "at least a battalion" of additional troops. A battalion comprises 800 to 1000 soldiers.

He said another military exercise, requiring a new set of TOR, was necessary. And the request came from the US side, he said.

"It must be (included in) another exercise . . . We're trying to determine how to go about it, what are the options, so that we can meet the objective of undertaking development projects without violating the terms of reference of Balikatan 02-1," Adan told the Inquirer.

The original TOR provide for the "projected" participation of 660 US personnel and 3,800 Philippine soldiers. "It's still being studied . . . so as not to violate the TOR," Adan added.

But Tiglao asserted: "It's not an escalation at all. It's simply additional resources in the form of additional personnel."

Tiglao said an addition of 300 more US soldiers "is not really big for such an area as Basilan or even the number of Filipino troops that have to be trained."

He admitted that he was not aware if Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. had been informed of the projected increase in the number of US troops.

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TUTULAN

HUNDREDS of Muslim demonstrators gather at the plaza in Cotabato City to protest the presence of US troops in Mindanao during the Bangsamoro Youth Rally Against Balikatan 02-1 on Saturday. RYAN ANSON

Guingona had earlier opposed the joint military exercise on constitutional grounds, but later agreed to follow President Macapagal-Arroyo's lead in the issue.

"I don't know whether this has reached the (Department of Foreign Affairs)," Tiglao said.

He took pains to stress that the proposal had yet to reach the desk of the President.

"I have to emphasize that it would still have to be discussed in detail on the level of (the President's) advisers," he said.

Adan said nothing was final.

"It's not even on the drawing board. We are trying to determine how to go about it, what are the options to meet the objective of undertaking development projects," he said. "It's still being studied."

Medical missions

On what the additional US troops would do once they arrive, both spokespersons said the same thing.

Tiglao said the additional US troops would be involved in building small feeder roads, conducting medical missions and organizing livelihood programs.

"It's part of the US and Philippine assessment of how an anti-terrorism campaign should be undertaken. It cannot be purely a military action," Tiglao said.

"There should be efforts really to win the hearts and minds of the people and one way of doing this is you intensify the programs that would really help the poorest in Basilan," he added.

Adan said civic action "would mean construction of various engineering projects like roads and bridges. This will require additional personnel, (but they would) not be Special Forces."

"The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of the communities to the overtures . . . the lure of quick money being foisted by the Abu Sayyaf (on the community) through their kidnap-for-ransom activities," Adan said.

The funding will come from both governments, but Adan said he did not know how much the civic action projects would entail and where the projects would be put up.

"In principle, they (Americans) want a civil affairs component, which means construction of various engineering projects like roads and bridges," Adan said.

"These will require additional personnel, but not Special Forces. They have seen the need for a civil affairs component for solving the problems in Basilan, which could be answered by engineering and other types of work," he added.

Tiglao said the deployment of more American troops was not connected with reports that the US government has monitored alleged plans by the al-Qaida terrorist network to set up new bases in Southeast Asia after having lost Afghanistan.

Positive effect?

Representative Ocampo said the US request might have been prompted by the "positive effect" that the presence of US troops has had among the people in Mindanao.

But he said he saw no need for the additional deployment, saying Filipino personnel can implement the civic action projects themselves.

Pamalakaya, the militant fisherfolk's group, said there was nothing innocent in the projected increase.

"slowly but surely, the puppet administration is carefully laying down the country's transformation into Vietnam Part II with the coming of more American mercenaries in the country," the group's statement read.

Wilson Fortaleza, Sanlakas president, said, "US interests (go) way beyond crushing the Abu Sayyaf and rescuing the Burnhams," referring to the American hostages being held captive by the Abu Sayyaf.

The proposed increase was "aimed at establishing (the Americans') foothold in the country to advance their economic and political interests in the region," Fortaleza said.

But the chair of the House committee on national defense said he saw nothing wrong with the proposed deployment.

"They (US military) can bring in as much as they can as long as they are civic action personnel," Rep. Prospero Pichay said, noting that "any nation can bring in" such people to do civic activities.

Toxic . . .

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Their counterparts in Barangay Sipat in Plaridel claim that their area has become an illegal dumping ground for hazardous and toxic wastes from at least 200 companies in Metro Manila and Southern and Central Luzon.

Fed up with the foul odor coming from the heavily fenced compound of Enviro-Means Industry Inc. (EMII), Sipat residents sought the help of Fr. Eti Ignacio, head of the justice and peace desk of the Malolos diocese, in stopping the dumping of wastes.

Initial investigation conducted by Ignacio, the residents and members of the Bayan Muna party-list group shows that EMII hauls the hazardous wastes of private companies in Luzon and unload them in Sipat.

Most of the companies are located in the cities of Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Makati and Valenzuela, and Taguig town, all in Metro Manila, and in Cavite, Laguna and Bataan.

It was learned that Plaridel Mayor Jaime Vistan has yet to give a business permit to EMII. Vistan said the firm's hauling and dumping operation came as a surprise to him and his constituents.

The firm has no permit to store wastes in the area, according to Jovito Saguinsuin of the provincial environment and natural resources office.

When the company applied for a permit to develop the area, it promised the municipal government to store only recycled wastes and to hire at least 200 residents from the town.

So far, the company has hired four people from the town as drivers to haul the wastes.

In Imus, Anabu I-A residents said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Region IV office should immediately investigate the operations of Haz-Serve.

They claim that Haz-Serve set up its treatment facility for toxic and hazardous wastes inside a subdivision without consulting them.

"To the best of our knowledge a public hearing is required before constructing the facility to determine if it is socially acceptable to the community," the residents said in their letter of complaint.

They also claim that Haz-Serve has no permit to operate a treatment facility.

"We would like to ask Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez to act immediately on this matter, given that our lives, health and property are at risk. We are hoping and praying that this facility be closed at the soonest time," they said.

List-up of youth voters April 22-27

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Borra approved the implementing rules and regulations for the SK and barangay polls.

The resolution on the synchronized elections, however, was not signed by Commissioners Luz Tancangco, Ralph Lantion, Rufino Javier and Mehol Sadain, who boycotted the meeting.

In a notice submitted during the session, the four commissioners said they would not attend because the chair did not include in the agenda the drafting of working arrangements agreed upon during a "reconciliation meeting" called by Congress leaders last week.

But Benipayo said the youth and barangay elections were the priorities, adding that the feuding commissioners were given three weeks to come up with the guidelines to govern the collegial body as part of the reconciliation process.

Borra explained that the implementing rules and regulations for the polls were the "standard" and that the four commissioners, constituting the majority, can file their complaints or questions when they finally decide to sit en banc.

The Tancangco-led camp is strongly opposing the confirmation of Benipayo, Borra and Tuason before the Commission on Appointments.

On the other hand, Benipayo is accusing his rival colleagues of conniving with a well-funded consortium to wage a smear campaign against him.

Hike in ODA funds shows sound economic management

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A statement issued by the World Bank after the meeting said that "this indication of assistance is the response of development partners to (the Philippine) government's resources requirements and its deliberate efforts to exercise prudence on new borrowings while renewing its efforts to improve ODA utilization."

The World Bank's assessment hewed closely to that of the stock and currency markets, which were not unnerved by the gloomy political news of threats of coup conspiracies and another mob rampage in response to the incitement by Estrada partisans.

The markets had an uncanny sense of Estrada's capacity to mobilize rabble support in his attacks on the judiciary.

The showdown last week, in which his arraignment was held without any trouble in the streets and without the appearance of Estrada mob cohorts, proved not only how perceptive the markets are. It also punctured the myth of Estrada's capacity for mass mobilization behind a cause that sought to destroy all the institutional structures of the Philippine state.

Rightly proud

The World Bank statement said: "The Philippines is rightly proud of what has been accomplished in spite of difficult circumstances in 2001. Viewed against the background of a sharp showdown in the global economy, the Philippine government managed to post a gross domestic product growth of 3.4 percent, one of the highest in the region.

"It also managed to lessen macroeconomic concerns by essentially meeting its budget deficit target, containing inflation, and overseeing a return of relative stability of the peso. The government has also identified improving governance as a national priority and has moved forward with important structural reforms, like the power sector restructuring."

"With a good start," the report said, "the Philippines is now in a much better position to renew efforts to improve the lives of many more Filipinos, especially the poor."

This observation, of course, highlights the view that solid and competent economic management—not street marches fueled by disgruntled self-righteous civil society groups and Estrada partisans—can produce jobs and generate incomes that eventually translate to alleviating poverty.

The World Bank said the Philippine government, following the theme "Winning the War Against Poverty through Good Governance," had presented socioeconomic developments and the country's progress, and plans for public sector reforms and resource requirements and plans for improving ODA utilization.

It acknowledged the "government's economic management which was instrumental in maintaining reasonable economic growth over the previous year."

But the bank emphasized the need to "accelerate private sector-led growth and translate it into sustained poverty reduction."

In emphasizing poverty reduction, the World Bank also recognized the political vulnerability of the Macapagal administration from the poor as a political constituency that can be stirred up into rebellion.

ODA donors

Although the ODA donors endorsed the government's strategic directions, they pressed on the government to take actions in, among others:

- Raising revenues and managing fiscal risks to ensure sustained resources for poverty-reducing expenditures in areas, such as education, health, rural infrastructure and agricultural modernization.
- Continuing public sector reforms to improve governance and the efficiency of resource use.
- Improving ODA absorption capacity in order to increase the timeliness of development impact on the ground.

A government report said that the availment rate of ODA funds in 2002 was only 62 percent, slightly lower than the 63 percent in 2000. The rate of availment is partly determined by the ability of the government to match the ODA allocations with counterpart funds.

- Improving banking sector performance by moving quickly with measures to facilitate the reduction of non-performing loans.
- Boosting investor confidence and strengthening private sector-led development to create employment opportunities.
- Improving peace in Mindanao and addressing security concerns that are "critical foundations for enhancing the investment climate and reducing poverty."
- Implementing effective population management programs so that economic growth could have better impact on poverty reduction. This is an area where the government has closed its eyes in fear of antagonizing the Catholic Church as a political constituency.

Independent

Let it be made clear that the report is by an independent institution and does not come from the National Economic and Development Authority that tends to present a more glossy picture of the economy than is warranted by facts.

Without doubt, economic management is the government's strongest suit from which it can derive programs and resources to reduce poverty.

Good economic management makes redundant and irrelevant spins by publicist Dante Ang whose approach to make President Macapagal-Arroyo acceptable is to dress her up like a Dresden doll and change her image.

There's no substitute for results, and by the way when Ang surfaced in national TV, he had a negative impact and eroded much of the President's public appeal.

Ang should retreat back to the shadows. The less he is heard from and seen, the better for the President.

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Eagle clubhouse opening in May

WHEN two clubhouses should have been enough for its entire active membership, the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club in Gen. Trias, Cavite moves closer toward the completion of its ambitious masterplan with the scheduled opening of its main golf clubhouse this coming May.

A round-the-clock workforce of about 200 are putting the finishing touches to the golf clubhouse of the gargantuan 12,000-square meter structure that will become the center of all sports and leisure activities at the country's biggest golf complex.

The main clubhouse, a three-in-one package being built to the tune of no less than P350 million, will cater especially to members and guests using the Faldo and Norman courses, half of Eagle's four-course menu.

Aside from the golf clubhouse, it will also have the Family Clubhouse (theatre, bowling and game room) and the Sports Clubhouse (basketball, badminton, tennis and pool area).

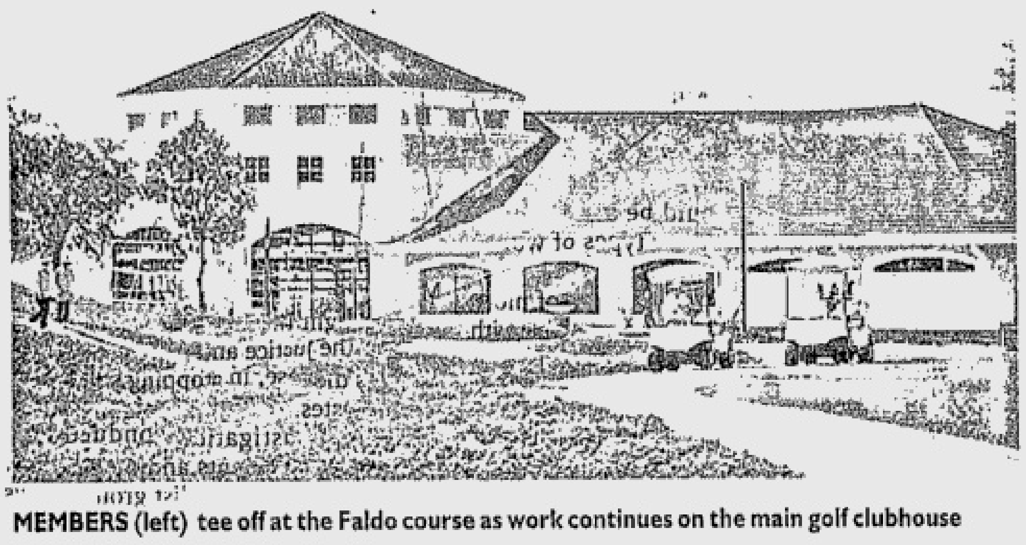
The other two courses are the ones designed by famous architects Andy Dye and Isao Aoki, the respective clubhouses of which are already operational. Eagle's four-course, three-clubhouse complex makes it among Asia's elite.

Simultaneous with the main golf clubhouse soft opening, the front nine of the Norman layout will also be opened for play, making Eagle just nine holes short of the 72-hole menu.

"We're getting very close to the completion of the whole project and the opening of the clubhouse will leave us with only the other amenities and the back nine of the Norman golf course to worry about," said Eagle's project engineer Winnie Gob.

Eagle Ridge is the flagship development project of Sta. Lucia Realty in a joint venture agreement with Alsons Land Corp. They have contracted the services of architectural firm W.V. Coscolluela&Associates, S&P Design Group for the interiors and ACL Asia and Lima Nursery for the landscaping concerns.

The lockers are spacious enough for 300 male and 100 female players. The parking lot can accommodate 400 cars with two helipads to boot.



MEMBERS (left) tee off at the Faldo course as work continues on the main golf clubhouse

KGB monthly tourney at Villamor

THE KAPISANAN ng mga Golfers sa Brodkast will hold its regular monthly tournament tomorrow (March 19)at the Villamor golf course in Pasay City.

Hosted by the Villamor Golf Council, the 18-hole medal play tournament will have broadcast golfers vying for signature KGB trophies for the overall monthly champion, class A, B, C and ladies and guest division champions.

Co-sponsor for the event is the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

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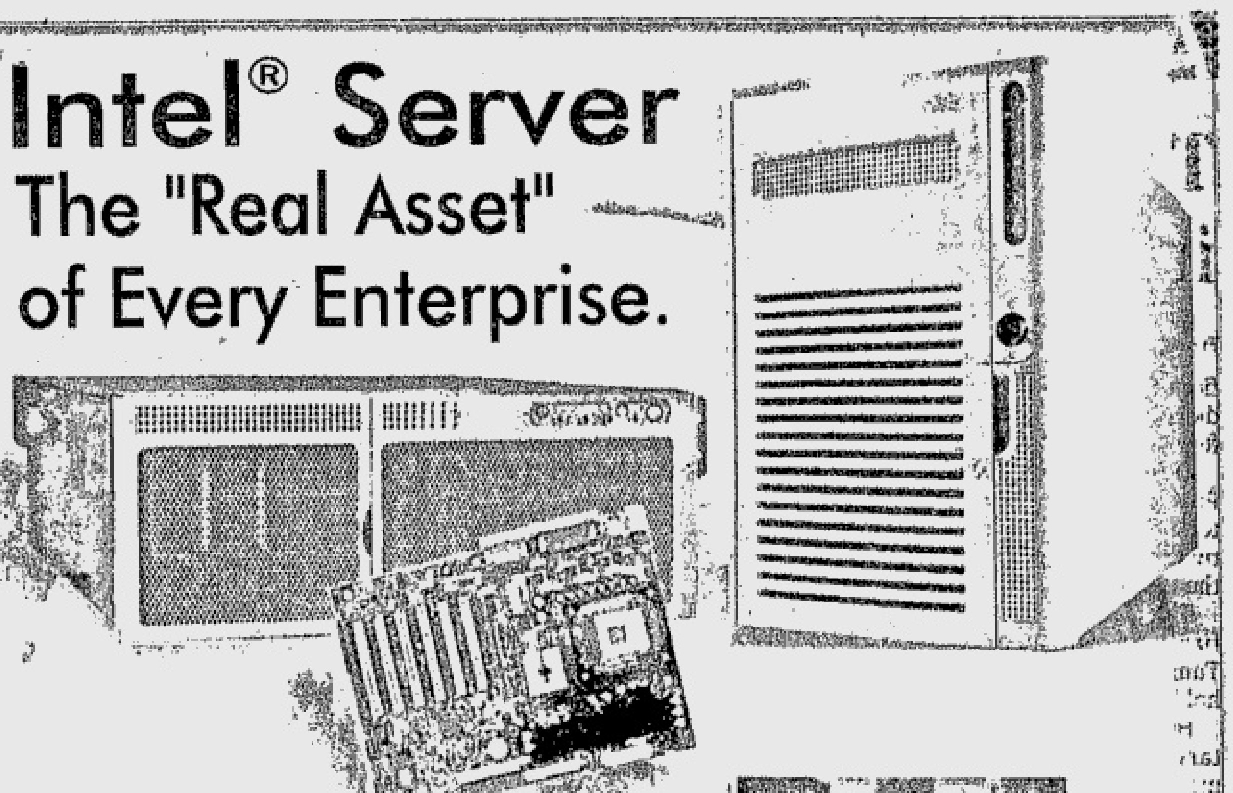

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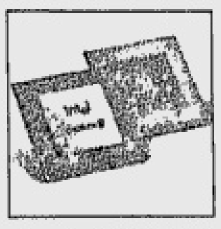

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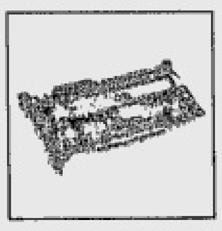

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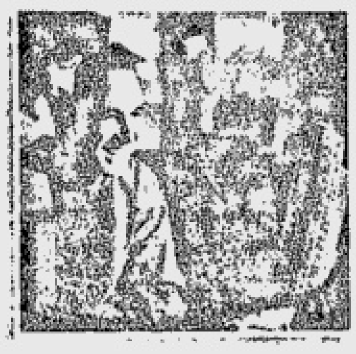

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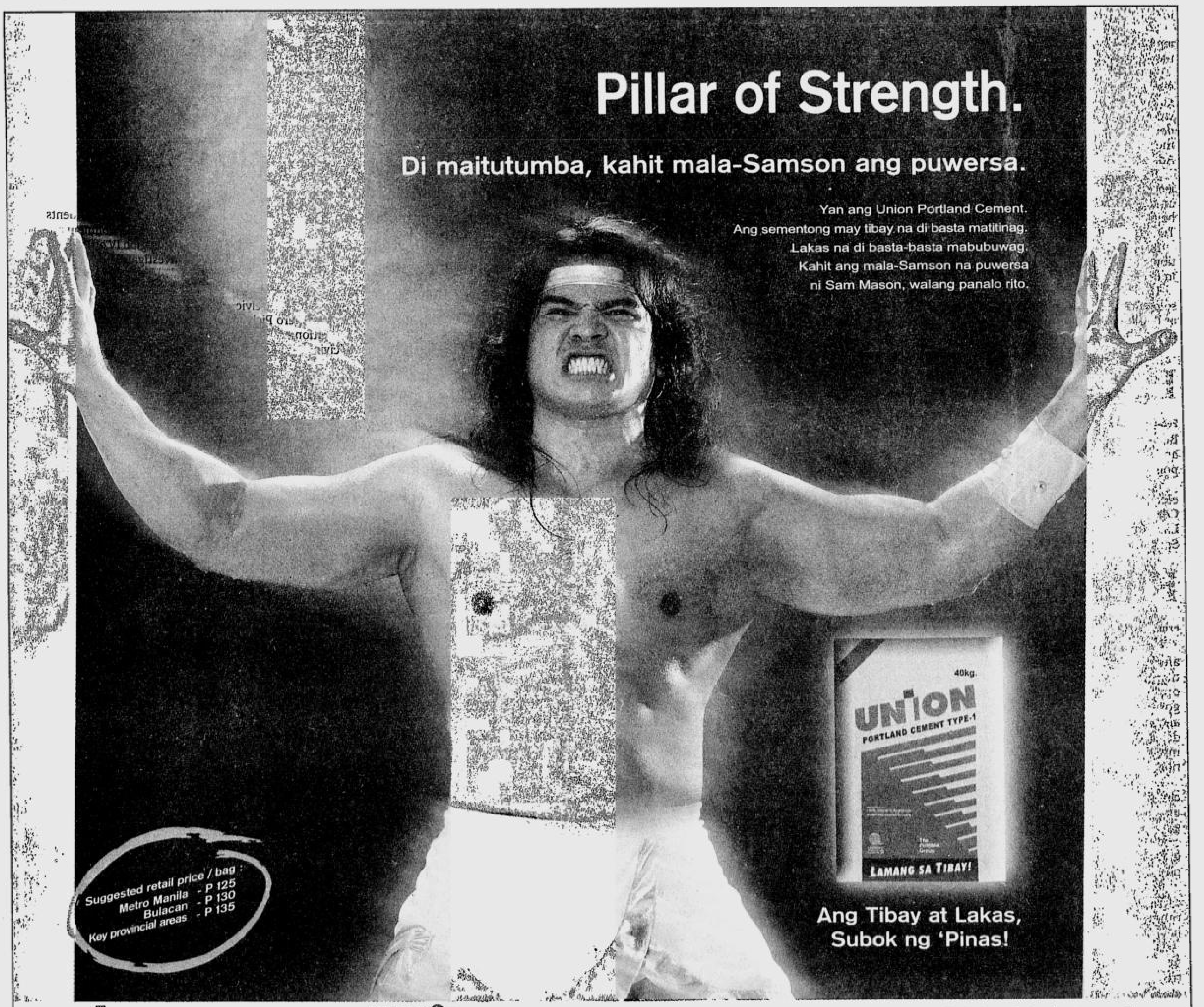

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Staunch Ally surprises Wind Blown

Manila owns RMSC?

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

DUE to space constraints, a big portion of my last piece (Manila wants Rizal Memorial back) was cut off. In that article, I wrote that Manila Councilor Don Ramon Bagatsing is supporting the efforts of Mayor Lito Atienza to recover some of the city's prime properties, including the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, a claim previously made by former Councilor Butch Belgica.

Belgica had told us that he found it bizarre that Manila, the country's premier city teeming with a population of close to four million, does not even have a sports complex it can call its own. "Worse," he asked, "Why should Manila residents pay rentals (to the Philippine Sports Commission) for the use of the sports facilities at the Rizal Memorial Complex when it should be the PSC that should be paying rentals to the city of Manila?" At this point, Belgica's explanation was cut off. Thus, to complete his side, here's the missing part:

While the PSC is mandated by law to administer all sports facilities in the country, Manila should be the exception, stressed the sportsminded councilor from the city's 6th district, citing the city's takeover of the historic Army and Navy Club on Roxas Boulevard as an example. "The city is claiming control and administration of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex "because Manila owns the RMSC."

To support the claim, Belgica had even submitted (upon the suggestion of then PSC chair Philip Juico) to former President Fidel Ramos a certified photocopy by the Register of Deeds of Manila's title to the property together with a brief-history of the RMSC's construction and development by the city of Manila. Unfortunately, just like in many cases, Manila's claim did not prosper as it was overtaken by events.

The RMSC, then the best in Asia, was constructed at a cost of about P1.5 million in memory of national hero Dr. Jose Rizal.

Ilocandia Slew sparkles

By Edwin Villanueva

BUÑAG

STAUNCH Ally rocked local racing by stunning champion galloper Wind Blown yesterday in the Commissioner's Cup at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

The king-size upset ended a 10-race winning streak by Wind Blown, whose last defeat prior to yesterday's run was inflicted by Sun City on April 1, 2001.

"*Nakatsamba.* Imagine, champion horse *yung tinalo namin*," blurted star jockey Dominador "Rapid Fire" Borbe Jr., who engineered the wire-to-wire victory by the four-year-old galloper owned by Marho president Aristeo "Putch" Puyat.

As instructed by trainer Johnny Sordan, Borbe sent Staunch Ally quickly to the lead, with the Fernando Raquel Jr.-handled Wind Blown in tow.

Raquel loosened Wind Blown approaching the far turn but the 2001 Horse of the Year responded anemically.

Wind Blown came under heavy punishment from Raquel as they hit the home turn while Staunch Ally kicked clear en route to posting the year's biggest reversal.

Staunch Ally (Gut Feeling-Staunch Flame) finished the 1,900-meter race three lengths ahead of Wind Blown, who struggled home half a length in front of High Roller. Charlemagne, Staunch Ally's coupled bet, finished fourth and last. Winning time was 2:00.5 (17-23.5-25.5-25.5-29).

"*Ang galing ng itinakbo ni* Staunch Ally," said Wind Blown's owner Hermie Esguerra, adding Wind Blown was hampered by a detached bandage on his hind leg during the race.

Staunch Ally won P600,000 for topping the event held in honor of former Philracom commissioner Enrique "Pocholo" Romualdez. Marho chair Sandy Javier received Staunch Ally's prize in behalf of Puyat.

In the day's other attraction, Ilocandia Slew ruled the Hopeful Stakes, rewarding Malate businessman Myther Buñag with the P210,000 winner's prize.

"*Mahusay ang pagkakadala ni* Unoh," said Buñag, referring to Ilocandia Slew's rider, Jonathan Hernandez.

Among those who congratulated Buñag was presidential son Mikey Arroyo, president of the newly formed Klub Don Juan de Manila.

7th Ucap derby tomorrow

THE 7TH Ucap/Firebird Anito MB7-Cock Derby gets going at the Mandaluyong Coliseum tomorrow and Thursday(March 19 and 21).

Sponsoring event are Sagupaan Super Feeds and Washout Shampoo.

Hosted by hotelier-sportsman Biboy Enriquez and Mauro Prieto of Palawan, the derby will have its elimination round (3-cock) tomorrow, while the championship round (4-cock) is on Thursday.

Official entries must be submitted today, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, please contact 534-4110, 531-4003, 531-4005 and 535-2341.

Aside from regular Ucap members, also seeing action are invited guest participants like Peping Suarez, Bobby del Rosario, Gov. Ito Ynares, Cong. Ompong Plaza, Boyet Plaza, among others.

The next cockfest at Mandaluyong Coliseum will be held on April 2 and 4, the LCC 7-Cock Derby to be promoted by Louie Cua and Co.

FAIR AND SQUARE AWARDS

Businessman-sportsman Aristeo G. Puyat (center) proudly receives the Fair and Square Award with Leonardo "Sandy" Javier Jr. (second from left) following the selection of champion sire Hazm as 2001 Stallion of the Year in yesterday's second Fair and Square Awards at the Manila Jockey Club. US-bred Hazm is co-owned by Puyat and Javier and stands at the Royal Maverick Ranch in Rosario, Batangas. Also shown (from left) are Commissioner Felizardo "Jun" Sevilla, Philracom Chair Andrew Sanchez and Commissioner Rogelio Tandiama.

Slovakian teenager shocks Hingis; Hewitt trips Sampras

INDIAN WELLS, California—Teenager Daniela Hantuchova, playing in her first tour singles final, overpowered Martina Hingis 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to win the Pacific Life Open.

Her hard, accurate groundstrokes keeping Hingis scurrying side-to-side throughout the match, the 18-year-old Slovak broke Hingis' service six times on her way to the $332,000 winner's prize.

With the dominant victory over the second-seeded Hingis, the 18th-seeded Hantuchova became the lowest seed to win a women's tier I event since 1980.

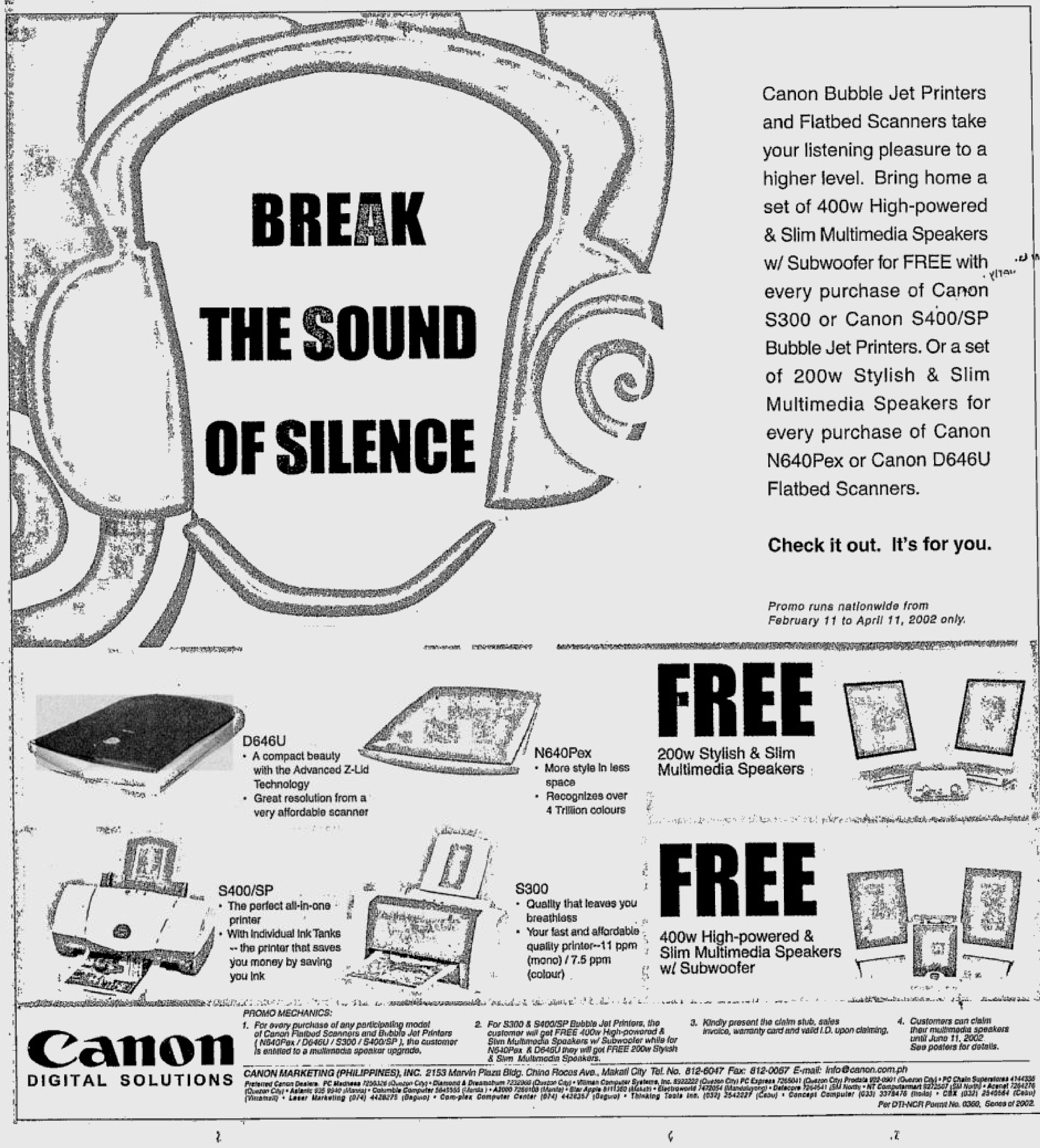
Swirling wind that fanned sand into the air during the men's semifinals earlier in the day had subsided somewhat by the time the women's championship match began in the late afternoon.

Lleyton Hewitt beat Pete Sampras, 6-2, 6-4, and Tim Henman defeated Todd Martin 6-3, 6-3 to move into Sunday's championship match.

Hantuchova's backhand was particularly deadly against Hingis, as she hit 20 backhand winners to just five by the Swiss star who has won 40 career titles.

Hantuchova hit 33 winners overall to Hingis' 16. *AP*

HANTUCHOVA whoops it up after downing Hingis. AP



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Woods clings to 1-stroke lead

ORLANDO, Florida—Tiger Woods was everywhere he didn't want to be Saturday in the Bay Hill Invitational, making four bogeys in a round of 74 that brought just about everybody back into the tournament.

On a steamy, sun-baked afternoon that felt like the middle of summer, Woods squandered his four-stroke advantage by the time he made the turn, then hung on down the stretch for a one-stroke lead over Len Mattiace.

It figured to be a runaway. It turned into a free-for-all.

As far as Woods was concerned, "It could have been a lot worse."

Woods, trying to win for the third straight time at Bay Hill, was at 10-under 206. It was the third straight year he has led going into the final round, and his PGA Tour record with at least a share of the 54-hole lead is 21-2.

The challenge could come from anyone—14 players were within three shots of the lead, while 20 players were within five strokes.

It starts with Mattiace, the only player without a bogey on a rock-hard, cotton-mouth day at Bay Hill. *AP*

Sorenstam 4 up

PHOENIX—Annika Sorenstam zeroed in on her third win in as many tournaments, shooting a 4-under-par 68 to take a four-stroke lead into the final round of the Ping Banner Health.

Sorenstam has led or shared the lead in Phoenix six consecutive rounds, starting with the second round last year in which she shot the first 59 in women's tournament history.

O'Malley triumphs

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand—Australia's Peter O'Malley won the US$500,000 Clearwater Classic, firing a 4-under par 68 Sunday to finish at 17-under after his fourth consecutive sub-70 round at New Zealand's richest golf tournament.

O'Malley, who led last week's Jacob's Creek Open in Adelaide, Australia until a blow out in the third round, held his nerve here after starting the final round with a one-stroke buffer over American Joel Kribel. *AP*

Bonilla shines

DAVAO—Franz Bonilla of Bansalam ousted Mark Balce 6-3, 6-3, to advance in the boys' 14-under division at the start of the 2002 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop Saturday here at The PTA hardcourts. Bonilla towed Metro Manila age groupers Daniel Macalino and Gerard Ngo who whipped Robin Jan Villegas 6-2, 6-1 and Christian Canlas 7-6, 6-4 respectively in the Milo netfest organized by CTW and supported by Adidas and Sports Kids.

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Checkmate summer clinics

ENROLLMENT is now in full swing for the Milo Checkmate summer clinics in Metro Manila and provinces. The clinics in Metro Manila start simultaneously on April 1 at St. Benedict College, Alabang Hills (7:30-11:30 am HS student lounge); Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, Vito Cruz, Manila (9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Badminton Bldg.) and Greenhills Shopping Center (2-6 p.m. at 2/F Centermall-Bangketa).

SPORTS
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Selecta-RP repulses FedEx

Game Tomorrow: (Cuneta Astrodome)
6p.m.—Shell vs Purefoods

By June Navarro

SELECTA-RP Team leaned on Kenneth Duremdes and Asi Taulava to get back on track with a 76-67 victory over Federal Express yesterday in the PBA Samsung Governors Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Duremdes buried an in-your-face triple against the trash-talking Jermaine Walker while Asi Taulava secured Selecta-RP's second win in seven games with a layup in the final minute.

It all happened after Walker and Tim Moore, the fulcrum of the Express' offensive machinery, took turns muffing their freethrows that signaled their doom.

Despite trailing, 67-65, in the dying minutes, the Express could have altered the complexion of the match had Moore and Walker converted all their freebies in the final reckoning instead of going 2 out of 6 from the shaded lane.

At that, the Express tumbled down to 3-4 while allowing Selecta-RP Team to snap out of a five-game losing skein.

TAULAVA

Until last night, the Nationals had not tasted a victory since Valentine's Day courtesy of a 64-59 triumph against San Miguel Beer.

"It's a good win for Selecta to get the confidence back. They are probably aware that Hapee-RP had been winning games due to sheer hard work and that's simply what they did," said national coach Jong Uichico.

Hapee-RP Team, through the Herculean efforts of Davonn Harp, Mick Pennisi, Jeffrey Cariaso, Rudy Hatfield and Boyet Fernandez, are enjoying the view from the top with a 4-2 record.

Batang Red Bull joined Purefoods in the quarterfinals after trouncing Sta. Lucia Realty, 91-85, in the second game.

The Thunder also share the lead with the Hotdogs at 5-1 while the Realtors tied San Miguel Beer at 2-4.

Scores:

SELECTA-RP 76—Duremdes 17, Racela 14, Taulava 12, Espino 11, Menk 8, Hontiveros 7, Calaguilo 4, Fran 3, Jackson 0.

FEDEX 67—Walker 30, Moore 24, Codiñera 8, arboleda 3, Alvarez 2, Friedhof 0, Capobres 0, De Ocampo 0, Pumaren 0.

Quarters: 15-24; 32-38; 60-53; 76-67.

NBA results

Miami 101, Denver 76; Charlotte 87, Phoenix 76; New York 105, Cleveland 95; Detroit 102, Milwaukee 94; San Antonio 111, Boston 104; Chicago 114, Houston, 112, 2OT; Portland 95, Washington 80; Dallas 117, Golden State 100; Seattle 95, L.A. Clippers 87. *AP*

R. Schumacher tops Malaysian F1 Grand Prix

SEPANG, Malaysia—Ralf Schumacher in a Williams escaped a first corner collision to race to an easy win in the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix here Sunday, ending Ferrari's domination of the race.

In a race of attrition, Juan Pablo Montoya, who collided with Michael Schumacher at the head of the field on the first bend, recovered to finish second and gave Williams the first two places.

Michael Schumacher at the back of the field after pitting for repairs after the first lap collision, stormed home for third, overtaking Jenson Button in a Renault with half a lap left in the race.

The Saubers of Nick Heidfeld and Felipe Massa were fifth and sixth.

Only 13 cars finished the race as collisions and mechanical failures took their toll.

The casualties included early leader Rubens Barrichello in a Ferrari and the McLarens of David Coulthard and Kimi Raikkonen.

Ralf Schumacher made only one refuelling stop, was nearly 40 seconds ahead of Montoya who made three pit stops, including one for minor repairs after hitting Michael Schumacher. *AFP*

Tabunda rules triathlon

A TOTAL of 62 participants, representing various swimming clubs such as the PCA Stingrays, Mighty Penguins, Anaconda, Sea Dragons, San Pedro United, Los Baños ST and the Corinthian Ducks, took part in the opening leg of the Fit & Tri Youth Triathlon 2002 Series in Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City yesterday.

The event, sponsored by the Ayala Alabang Village Association, SMART Money, ABS-CBN Publishing, Imbue.ph, House of Accessories Inc., SPEEDO, LifeBuoy, Unilever, Storeshop, is a vital component of the grassroots development program of the Triathlon Association of the Philippines (TRAP).

The triathlon winners in yesterday's event are Justin Tabunda (male ages 7-10), Bea del Mundo (female 7-10), Markki Stroem (male 11-14), Melliza Gayle Lucas (11-14), Jay-Ar Christian Obial (male 15-18), and Team 230-R composed of Carvajal, Wintermahr and Fugoso (team relay). Aquathlon (swim-run) winners were Johansen Aguilar (male 7-10), Dy Whitney (female 7-10), Julius Mar dela Cruz (male 11-14), Steph Tan (female 11-14), Carl Salvacion (male 15-18) and Nhemia Velasco (female 15-18).

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Missouri, Kent win

NEW YORK—The University of Missouri is finally back to playing the way it did at the start of the season. Kent State is simply on the country's longest roll.

Both booked spots in the NCAA tournament's round of 16 on Saturday, a lofty destination given their double-digit seedings.

Missouri, 12th in the West Regional, beat No. 4 Ohio State, 83-67. Kent State, seeded 10th in the South, knocked off No. 2 Alabama, the highest-rated team to lose so far, 71-58.

Otherwise, favorites had their way Saturday, with Duke, Kansas, Oregon, Arizona, Kentucky and Indiana advancing. *AP*

RCPI Negros gets 6 players

THE RCPI Negros Slashers, out to shed their bridesmaids tag, have acquired a new coach and six players to bolster their roster for the Metropolitan Basketball Association's fifth season starting on April 6.

Former pro and many time national player Joshua Villapando takes over the coaching chores from Robert Sison while MBA returnees Tyrone Bautista, Frechie Ang and Carlo Espiritu, veteran Jose Francisco, Ryan Gamboa and 6-foot-9 Vincent San Diego were signed up.

The 6-foot-2 Bautista, 6-2 Ang, 6-4 Espiritu, 6-2 Francisco and 6-5 Gamboa are expected to contribute immediately, while San Diego, formerly a De La Salle Green Archer, is a prime prospect.

Of course, the Slashers' core, headed by inaugural MVP John Ferriols remains intact. Aside from the 6-4 Ferriols, other carryovers are 6-4 Reynel Hugnatan, 6-3 Leo Bat-og, 6-3 Patrick Benedicto, 6-2 Ruben dela Rosa, 5-10 Dino Aldeguer and 5-9 Dennis Madrid.

"This team is very balanced. We can match up with the other teams in all aspects," said Villapando. "We're very flexible." Helping Villapando during the transition period is Rolly Buenaflor, who stays on as the Slashers' assistant coach.

Roy Luarca

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Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

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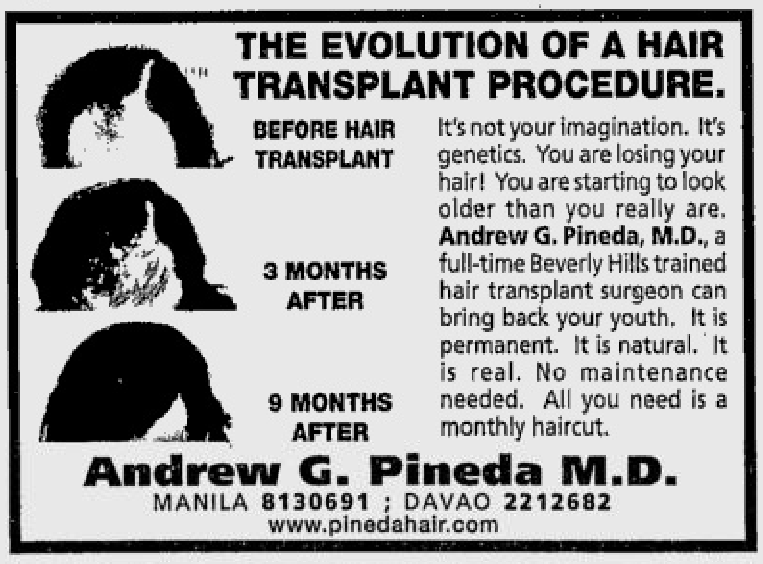
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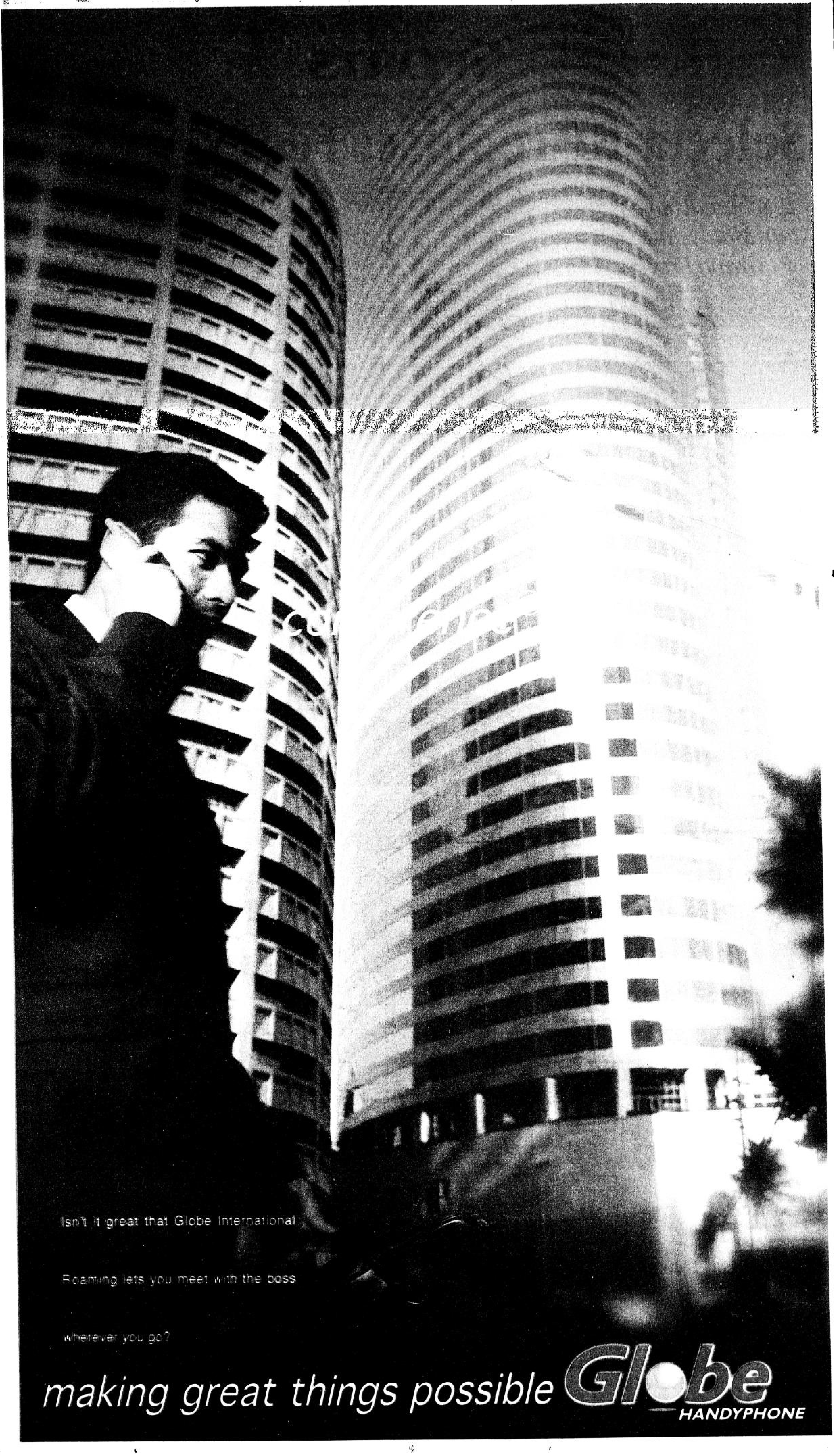

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'Don't give land to squatters'

By Christian V. Esguerra

PASAY City Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad has a solution to the squatter problem in Metro Manila: Don't grant land titles to "informal settlers."

"They (squatters) would just sell their property, so why award it to them?" Trinidad said yesterday.

Instead, squatters should just be given the right to occupy for a period of time the land where their shanties stand until local governments come up with a master development plan for Metro Manila, which could include a solution to the squatter problem, he said.

Trinidad said President Macapagal-Arroyo should give Metro Manila mayors blanket authority to solve the pestering problem of urban squatting.

"Give us the authority and we'll take care of the problem," he said.

Once granted full authority, mayors would come up with a master development plan for the metropolis, Trinidad said.

He and other members of the Metro Manila Mayors League had just come from a three-day educational trip to Shanghai, China where, according to him, squatter shanties are immediately destroyed if they were built without permission from the government.

"In Shanghai, (officials) don't just give lands to squatters," he noted.

But a similar policy could not be adopted easily in the Philippines, he admitted. He proposed that local governments be given additional funds to build low-cost houses in areas currently occupied by squatters.

Barangay leader kills 2 robbers

CARLOS de Jesus, chair of Barangay 2 Zone 1 in Tondo, Manila single-handedly ran after 10 robbers and shot dead two of them after they held up three vendors in Divisoria yesterday, police said.

De Jesus, 48, killed the two unidentified men who were among the 10 who robbed Grace P. Sunglao, 38; Celsa S. Mallari, 23; and Irene Puno, 31, of more than P200,000, said detective Edgardo Ko of the Western Police District homicide section.

Police said they found on the slain suspects a cal. .38 revolver and a .45 pistol magazine.

The eight others escaped with the cash, two cell phones and a necklace, police said.

Ko said the vendors were tending their vegetable stalls on Bilbao Street near the barangay hall when 10 armed men came and announced the holdup. Just as the robbers were about to leave with their loot, Puno began shouting for help. De Jesus, who was in the nearby barangay hall, was coming out armed with a cal. .45 pistol when the suspects fired at the barangay hall.

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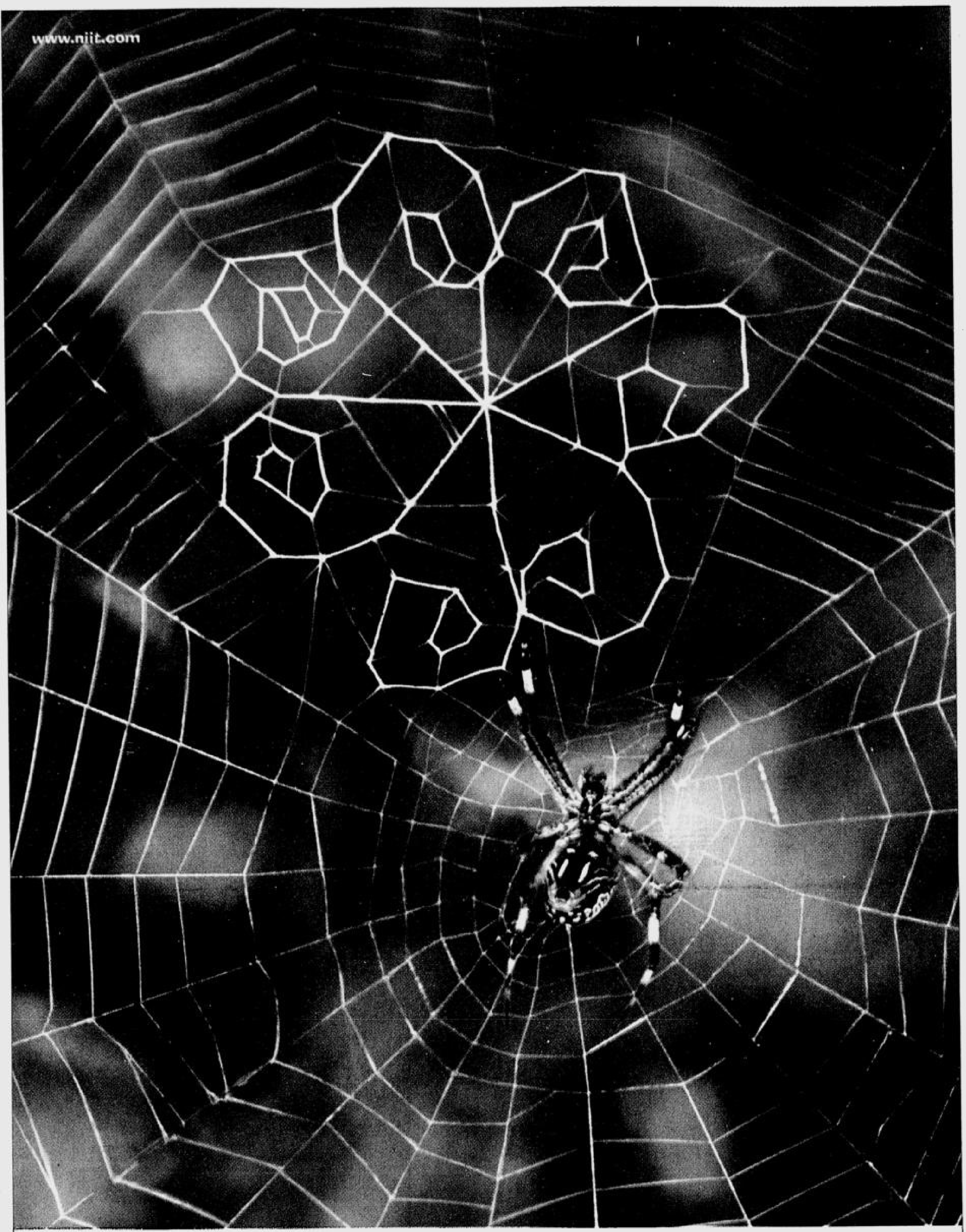

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It's late (again), but here's one for Flash Elorde

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

IT'S too late now. We should've at least raised our glasses last Saturday, March 16, to toast and recall a grand moment in Philippine sports.

We instead let that moment pass again without honoring a former bootblack who's popularly believed to be the greatest ever Filipino boxer.

Yes, 42 years ago last Saturday, Gabriel "Flash" Elorde stopped Harold Gomes in the seventh round of a scheduled 15-round match during the inauguration of the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao, Quezon City to win the world junior lightweight boxing championship.

Elorde, whose humility, skills, power and courage inside the ring became legend, reigned for over seven years.

Was it a Saturday, I asked Laura, Flash Elorde's kind wife, when we bumped into each other recently after dawn outside the Church of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo. She was with her son Johnny, a former Southeast Asian Games boxing gold medalist.

Laura said she was not sure. It could be a Friday, that night in the summer of 1960, when her husband did the whole nation proud with that unforgettable feat.

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Now, take it from one who was there.

It was a Saturday, according to lawyer-sportsman Rudy Salud when Elorde scored that big, big win.

Mr. Salud recalled that the Araneta Coliseum, which also came to be known as the Big Dome, was filled to the rafters.

Rudy Salud said the general admission ticket sold at one peso, P1.

But dusty, yellowed records at the Araneta Coliseum *bodega* pegged the price of bleacher tickets at only eighty centavos (P0.80) each.

"For less than a peso (P0.80), the poor boxing fan could walk into the fight venue, a new, sparkling coliseum that, with its odd bubble top, glowed like a flying saucer that's been happily stuck in the middle of a city meadow."

Those were the exact words from a chapter in a book on Cubao being prepared by a group of writers.

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The Araneta Coliseum, continued the account, was started in 1957 and cost a little more than P6 million to complete in late 1959.

March 16, 1960. Gabriel Elorde from Cebu was to fight a foreigner. The lean, shy former bootblack was going for the world junior lightweight boxing crown.

He surpassed himself. Elorde took the entire nation on a joyful flight when he knocked out a hairy-chested native of Rhode Island to win the world championship.

One young, angry poet from UP, residing with his mother and a brother in a wooden shack in nearby Project 4, remembers following the championship bout on radio. But he says what instantly announced Elorde's triumph was not the sportscaster's voice. It was the screaming stab of national euphoria. The unified, earth-shaking shriek of spectators inside the coliseum packed the power of a bomb that shook the whole of Cubao the moment Gomes was counted.

It felt as though the massive roundish roof of the coliseum had been ripped open by that ecstatic whoop that was heard—and felt—in Project 4, and maybe all the way to the Ateneo campus in Loyola, farther down.

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Elorde, who lost a bout against lung cancer in 1984, was to become a legend in his own time.

So strong was his pull on the *masa* that, at the height of his reign as world champ, his fans, mainly farmers and plain workers traveling long to Manila from the provinces, would camp out in vacant lots around Araneta Coliseum to make sure they would get a fair chance at buying their bleacher tickets when the tills opened the following morning.

To the Pinoy fan, Cubao became the capital of the world as the God-fearing Elorde, now fabled for his humility and mighty left cross, ruled at the Big Dome.

He was worshipped and adored.

Kids, in fact, would be seen mimicking the summer god by punching the shadows out in the streets.

Every other dreamy boy, no doubt, wanted to visit the boxing gym. He wanted to become Flash Elorde, his idol, the first star of the Araneta Coliseum.

That's it. On March 25, the Flash Elorde Annual Awards will be held at the Hotel Intercontinental.

It will come nine days late of the March 16 date when Elorde scored that Big Win at the Big Dome.

The historic date, as suggested, should be declared a boxing holiday.

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To join, you may nominate your own team or ask your friends or relatives to nominate your team by sending e-mail to **emazingrace@inq7.net**. Nominations should contain the following information: team name, solo or group pictures, names of participants, ages, and their schools. Team names should be limited to one word with no special characters. Each team should have a maximum of three members-either a combination of two males and one female or two females and one male. If you decide to field an all-female or all-male team, you will receive a penalty of 20 minutes during the race. Each team should collect votes to qualify as one of the ten finalists. Voting for your team can be done through SMS or online

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Administrative Order No. 5

Series of 2002

Subject: Revised Rules and Regulation on the Control and Eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

WHEREAS, reports gathered by the Department of Agriculture have shown that Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) continue to occur in most provinces of Luzon;

WHEREAS, the whole island of Mindanao has been free of FMD for the past 20 years, and has been declared as FMD free zone locally on 29 March 1993 by virtue of Administrative Order No. 8 signed by Secretary Roberto S. Sebastian;

WHEREAS, Regions VI and VII were declared FMD free in 1996 by virtue of Memorandum Circular No. 5 issued by Secretary Salvador H. Escudero III on 16 June 1997;

WHEREAS, Luzon was declared an FMD calamity area last 15 June 1995 by virtue of Executive Order #251;

WHEREAS, there is a danger of spreading FMD by transporting from FMD affected provinces into non-affected provinces of the country any of the following: 1) FMD susceptible animals, their unprocessed semen and embryo/ova; 2) their fresh, frozen, or chilled meat sourced locally; uncooked meat products and by-products; unprocessed and semi-processed milk source locally; and semi processed meat products and by-products; 3) FMD vaccines; 4) dung of chicken, pig and other ruminants; and 5) animal effects or hay, straw, forage or similar materials used as feeds and bedding materials of FMD susceptible animals;

WHEREAS, FMD outbreaks in Iloilo last September 1999 proved that there is a threat spreading the disease to the rest of the Visayas and Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Mindanao was recognized as an FMD free zone without vaccination by OIE last 30 May 2001;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain the OIE recognition of Mindanao as an FMD free zone;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leonardo Q. Montemayor, Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to Section 3, Chapter 1, Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, and the provisions of Administrative Order No. 9, Series of 1993 implementing RA 7394 otherwise known as Consumer Act of the Philippines; and the provisions of R.A. 8485 otherwise known as The Animal Welfare Act of 1998 do hereby issue this order;

Section 1: Definition of Terms:

a. **FMD Susceptible Animals** – refers to hogs, cattle, carabao, sheep and goat and other cloven footed animals
b. **Meat** – all edible parts of an animal
c. **Fresh Meat** – meat that has not been treated in any way other than by modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging to ensure its preservation. This includes frozen meat, chilled meat, minced meat and mechanically recovered meat.
d. **Meat Product** – meat that has been subjected to a treatment irreversibly modifying its organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics
e. **Fully Processed Meat Products** – refer to meat products which have been subjected to such treatment that will ensure the destruction of the FMD virus according to the following procedures and that necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the meat with any potential source of FMD virus
    e.1. **Canning** - This involves heating the meat placed in a hermetically sealed container to an internal core temperature of at least seventy degrees Celsius (70°C) for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, or any equivalent treatment, which has been demonstrated to inactivate the FMD virus.
    e.2. **Thorough Cooking** - This involves heating deboned and defatted meat to an internal temperature of at least seventy (70) degrees Celsius (70°C) for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes.
    e.3. **Drying after Salting** – This involves thorough soaking of deboned meat – when rigor mortis is complete – in brine or table salt (NaCl) solution, at a ration of 2.25 parts brine to one part meat, and then drying the salted meat at ambient temperature.
f. **Semi-Processed Meat products** – are those that have not been subjected to any of the three treatments enumerated above.
g. **Animal By-products** – refer to hides, horns, skin, bones, hooves and other parts or products of pig, cattle, carabao, goat and sheep that are unsuitable for human consumption.
h. **Fully Processed Animal Products** are those that were subjected to any of the treatments enumerated in paragraph e.
i. **Animal effects** refer to any hay, forage or similar materials used as blankets and the like for FMD susceptible animals.
j. **FMD outbreak** refers to one or more reported clinical cases of FMD infection among animals that occurred in a specific date and location (backyard or commercial farm, slaughterhouse or auction market). FMD cases that were detected within two (2) weeks after the initial case are also considered part of the same reported outbreak.
k. **Controlled Area** is a province where there has been no FMD outbreak for the past six (6) months and where vaccination may be continuing or has ceased.
j. **Free Area** is a province where there has been no FMD outbreak for the past two (2) years and that no vaccination has been done for the last twelve (12) months.
k. **Illegal/Unauthorized Shipments** refer to modes of transporting animal and meat products prohibited under this Order and those not covered by any written authority or permit from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) or its duly authorized representative.

Section 2. Declaration of Existence of Foot and Mouth Disease

Foot and Mouth Disease(FMD), is prevalent in mainland Luzon.

The BAI Director, upon the recommendation of concerned animal health authorities of said office, shall declare an area or province "FMD affected" and remain as such until the BAI declares it as a "controlled or free area." The declaration of any area as either FMD affected, controlled or free area shall be subject to the guidelines set by concerned BAI animal health authorities.

Section 3. General Requirements for Movement of FMD Susceptible Animals, Their Meat, Meat Products, and By-Products

All shipments from one province to another of any of the following possible sources of FMD virus or contamination shall require a written authority or permit from the BAI Director or his duly authorized representative:

1) FMD susceptible animals, their unprocessed semen and embryo/ova
2) Their fresh, frozen, or chilled meat sourced locally; uncooked meat products and by-products; unprocessed and semi-processed milk sourced locally; and semi-processed meat products and by-products;
3) FMD vaccines;
4) Dung of chicken, pig and ruminants; and
5) Animal effects or any hay, straw, forage or similar material used as feeds and bedding materials of FMD susceptible animals.

In case of meat and meat products, a Certificate of Inspection from the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) is required before a written authority/permit can be issued by the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry or his duly authorized representative.

Section 4. Shipment Prohibition from Luzon

Shipment of any of the possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1-5) is not allowed from Luzon to Masbate, Palawan, the Visayas and Mindanao.

Section 5. Shipment Restriction in Luzon

Shipment of any of the possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1 to 5) is allowed within Luzon, subject to a written authority or permit of the BAI Director or his duly authorized representative and the conditions contained therein.

Shipment of any of the two possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1 and 2) is allowed from Masbate and Palawan to the Visayas and Mindanao, subject to the provisions of Section 3. In addition, shipment of FMD susceptible animals to Mindanao will require a negative serum titer against FMD.

Shipment from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V) and Cagayan Valley (Region II) is limited to FMD susceptible breeder animals, FMD susceptible draft animals and cooked meat products only.

Shipment of the same from the other provinces in Luzon to the island province of Masbate and Palawan is not allowed.

Section 6. Shipment Restriction in Mindanao

Shipment of any of the possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1 to 5) is allowed within Mindanao.

Shipment of the same is allowed from Mindanao to the Visayas and Luzon.

Section 7. Shipment Restriction in the Visayas

Shipment of any of the two possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1 and 2) is allowed within the Visayas.

Shipment of the same is allowed from the Visayas to Luzon.

Shipment of the same is allowed from the Visayas to Mindanao. However, shipment of FMD susceptible animals will require a negative serum titer against FMD.

Section 8. Shipment of FMD Vaccines

Shipment of FMD vaccines to Visayas and Mindanao is not allowed unless it is covered by a special permit from the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Section 9. Reporting of Occurrence/Existence of FMD.

It shall be mandatory on the part of the owners/operators/managers/farm veterinarians/farm consultants of livestock farms/establishment to report immediately the occurrence/existence of FMD to any of the following offices, namely: the Provincial/Municipal/City Veterinarian or to the D.A. Regional Field Unit through the Veterinary Quarantine Service (VQS) or to the National FMD Task Force at BAI. All reports however, must be forwarded to the National FMD Task Force Office.

Section 10. Inspection of Livestock Farms and Establishments

The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry or his duly authorized representative(s) can inspect the different livestock farms/establishments at any reasonable time of the day to monitor reported FMD occurrence. Farm owners, managers, or representatives are required to extend assistance to the FMD inspection team. They are also mandated to institute regular and sustained biosecurity measures to prevent FMD occurrence.

Provincial/Municipal/City Veterinarians may initiate the inspection of livestock farms and establishments in their area of jurisdiction and record the findings as reference in assisting the future visit of the BAI's FMD inspection team.

Section 11. Accreditation of Livestock Farms and Establishment

It is mandatory for commercial livestock farms or establishments to seek accreditation from the DA-RFU VQS and the Provincial, Municipal or City Veterinarian's Office before they are allowed to transport animals, meat and meat products.

Section 12. Loading/Unloading of FMD susceptible animals, meat, meat products and by products from/by shipping vessels, airline vessels and other common carriers as well as cargo forwarders

Shipping lines, airlines and other carriers as well as cargo forwarders, their owners, managers, employees or agents shall seek first a written authority or permit from the BAI Director or his duly authorized representative before they are allowed to load and transport any FMD susceptible animals, their meat, meat products and by-products.

Shipping lines originating from FMD affected areas and destined for the Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas shall see to it that all livestock vans or crates are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before loading. They shall also install footbaths at the foot of the stairs or gangplanks, and require all passengers to step on the footbaths as they board or disembark from the vessel.

Shipping lines docking at the ports of Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas shall not source their food supply requirements – particularly meat and meat products from FMD affected areas – intended for the officers, crew and passengers. They shall also properly dispose of their garbage and swill in accordance with the recommendations of the DA- RFU VQS office in the port concerned.

All ships, airplanes, reefer vans and other transport carriers going to the Visayas, Mindanao and other FMD free areas shall be subjected to pre-departure and arrival inspections by the DA-BAI VQS officers.

In cases where the animal cargo is found positive for FMD, the vessel shall be properly disinfected under the supervision of the DA-BAI VQS. The expense for disinfection service shall be borne by the owner of the cargo. The infected animals shall be properly disposed of in accordance with Section 15.

Section 13. NMIC Certification

In addition to a shipping permit, meat and meat products bound for shipment to Mindanao and other FMD free areas must be accompanied by a Certificate of Inspection issued by the NMIC, in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The certificate must certify to the wholesomeness of the products and that these have not been exposed to or contaminated with the FMD virus.

Section 14. Transshipment of Imported Animals and Meat

Imported FMD susceptible animals destined for Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas may be transshipped through Luzon or Visayas, provided they must stay only at the port during transshipment to prevent any possible spread of the FMD virus.

Imported meat and meat products destined for Mindanao may be transshipped to Visayas and kept temporarily in a storage facility duly accredited by the NMIC, and concerned DA-BAI VQS. The facility's accreditation is issued and renewed every six months.

While in storage, the imported meat should not be mixed with local meat products. If found guilty of mixing, the facility's accreditation will be subject to cancellation.

The storage facility shall be subject to inspection by the DA-BAI and/or NMIC officers at any reasonable time of the day.

Only imported meat, which passed inspection by the Veterinary Quarantine Service at the port of entry, may be shipped to Mindanao, the Visayas and other FMD free areas. Imported meat which needs further processing in Luzon before shipment to Mindanao, Visayas and other FMD free areas can only be processed in establishments duly accredited by a team from the BAI and the DA-RFU VQS of the recipient region in the Visayas or Mindanao. The firm's accreditation is renewable every six months.

Section 15. Disposition of Illegal Shipment

Illegal or unauthorized shipment of animals, meat, meat products and by products, FMD vaccines and other items shall be disposed off in accordance with the following guidelines:

a) **Animals.** Those found infected with FMD shall be immediately condemned and disposed of by burning and/or burying in a deep pit. Those without signs of FMD but were found to have no shipment papers shall not be unloaded from the transport carrier and returned to their origin. If already unloaded, these shall be seized and returned immediately to their place of origin or source. If the owner or consignee refuses to do so, it shall be a ground for confiscation or detention of the animals at his expense.
b) **Meat and Meat Products.** Unauthorized shipment of meat and meat products shall be seized and disposed of immediately at the point of entry as provided by NMIC rules and regulations.
c) **FMD vaccines.** Unauthorized shipment of FMD vaccines shall be seized and turned over to the BAI for proper disposition.
d) **Other items** not enumerated above shall be seized and returned to their place of origin or source. If the owner or consignee refuses to do so, the seized items will be confiscated and disposed of by burning or burying in a deep pit.

Any cost or services incurred in the disposition of illegal shipments shall be paid/shouldered by the shipper/trader/person or corporations liable for such violation.

The seizure or confiscation of animals, meat, meat products and by-products and other items must be properly documented, witnessed and covered by appropriate custody or acknowledgment receipt prior to condemnation or release.

Section 16. Non-Liability Clause

All charges for storage, demurrage, cartage, labor incident to inspection, cost of disinfection and disposition or condemnation shall be paid by the shipper, trader, person or firm found liable violating any of the prohibitions of this Order.

The BAI Director or his duly authorized representative shall not be held liable for damages to the animals or products in the course of the implementation of the provisions of this order.

Section 17. Presumption of Guilt

Any person having in his possession, control or custody of FMD susceptible animals, their meat and meat products, including those regulated or prohibited under this Order, shall upon demand by competent authorities exhibit the documents prescribed in the preceding sections.

Failure to do so within the reasonable period of time shall serve as a prima facie evidence, and especially so if said animals, animal products and by-products in his possession are found to be affected with FMD as diagnosed by the Bureau of Animal Industry or his duly authorized representative.

Section 18. Penalty

Any violation of this Order by any person, firm, livestock trader, farm owner or master or officer of vessels, boat, airplane and other transport carriers shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than two(2) months but not more than one year, or both, upon the discretion of the court, pursuant to Art. 19 or RA 7934. Carrier of the illegal shipment may be impounded for a period of one (1) month at the discretion of the Court.

Any VQS officer /inspector, or officer and staff of the DA-RFU, BAI or NMIC found to be grossly negligent in the implementation of the provisions of this Order shall be held administratively liable in accordance with the Civil Service rules and regulations.

Section 19. Repealing Clause

Any provision or portion of any rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 20. Effectivity Clause

This Order shall take effect fifteen(15) days after publication of the same in two (2) newspapers of general circulation at least once a week for a period of not less than one (1) month, and its filing with the UP Law Center..

Approved this 12th day of February, 2002 in Quezon City, Philippines.

Leonardo Q. Montemayor
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Secretary

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:

Jose Q. Molina, D.V.M., M.V.S.
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A call to all Filipinos

The 'revolution against poverty' must begin with the defense and revival of Philippine industry and agriculture!

DURING the commemoration of the People Power I anniversary last February 25, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo called for a "new revolution against poverty" for, as she said, the true enemy of "People's Power" is the "scourge of poverty."

But where does this "revolution against poverty" start and where should it be waged?

In the light of the global economic slowdown and the recession among our traditional trading partners, the Philippines clearly has no choice but to rely on its domestic economy to realize positive and higher growth through increased domestic consumption, greater exchanges of goods and services among the regions, and more productive linkages between industry and agriculture. With a population of around 80 million in an archipelago of 7,000 islands, a domestic-led growth is not only feasible but also sustainable.

Unfortunately, the Philippine agro-industrial base has been badly eroded during the last three decades. Instead of crafting an enabling agro-industrial program, some of our policy makers simply pushed for a one-sided type of economic liberalization such as the unilateral tariff reductions for the industrial and agricultural sectors that have caused the collapse or near ruin of many local industries such as steel, cement, tile, rubber, battery, garments, poultry, shoes, coconut, rice, onion and garlic. This is in sharp contrast to what other countries did, for example, the People's Republic of China, which opted for a gradual and calibrated liberalization program side by side with the accelerated strengthening and modernization of industry and agriculture, supplemented with hard bargaining with institutions such as the World Trade Organization.

With the radical reduction of tariffs, our industries and agricultural sector have been devastated by the unimpeded flow of foreign goods that eat into our domestic market, displacing locally manufactured or grown products. Since it is cheaper to import than to manufacture in a high-cost economic environment, many manufacturing concerns have either fled the county to cheaper havens or have been shut down, or in some cases, simply converted into trading or importing operations. And despite the existing regime of low tariffs, the country is still being flooded with duty-free and tax-free imports that are smuggled into the country, shipload by shipload, right under the noses of our customs officials and police officers.

Clearly, we cannot benefit from the stimulating impact of additional consumer spending (and 'holiday economics' allowing employees more days off) if our own industries are not protected against the unfair and predatory practices of foreign competitors and from rampant smuggling. What is the value added to our economy if imported goods dominate the market rather than the goods made by tax-paying Filipino workers and local businesses that benefit communities?

And what is worse, while we continue to maintain an open economy, our own export industries are unable to freely enter the markets of other countries. For examples, Philippine fruits can enter Australia only after undergoing strict, costly and time-consuming phyto-sanitary screening process, while Philippine tuna can only land in Europe at an effective tariff rate of 30 per cent.

Thus, if we are to combat poverty in these difficult times, we must begin by defending and reviving our own industries and agriculture. We must protect the jobs of our workers and the livelihood of our farmers. We must promote and patronize the products of our local producers. We must support the enterprises of our domestic entrepreneurs, both big and small. We must strictly implement the safety nets and safeguard measures for our industries and agriculture, which were legislated precisely to prevent unfair trading practices committed by other countries such as dumping their excess products at prices below their own domestic selling prices.

For if we fail to protect and sustain our own industries and agriculture, even our own consumers will disappear because the collapse of industries means the elimination of jobs, as what has been happening in the industrial sector for quite sometime now. No nation can thrive on consumption without the jobs and industries to provide income for the consumers — unless we want to become totally dependent on the export of labor despite its mounting social costs to Filipino families and values.

While economic globalization is indeed a global reality, we must arm and protect ourselves against the unfair and predatory trading practices of other countries. We should not allow globalization to be used to undermine our industries and agriculture. Globalization is meaningless, if not a curse, if we, as a nation, cannot enhance our productive capabilities, create jobs for all and promote the general well-being of our people.

THUS, we call for the review of Philippine trade policy. The unbridled and one-sided liberalization program to which Philippine industries have been subjected to in the last three decades must end – now! We must re-examine our trade policies in order to align them with our national interest. We must be guided by the need to defend and strengthen our local industries and agriculture, our jobs and our future.

We call on the Government to impose and enforce all the needed safeguards for our industry and agriculture to survive and prosper – now! The United States itself, the supposed leader and global promoter of free trade, does not hesitate to defend its own industry and jobs as demonstrated by it recent unilateral action imposing a 30 per–cent tariff on imported steel. Unfettered free trade should stop where national interests are at risk.

Hence, we ask the Philippine Government to respond positively and decisively on the applications for final and definitive safeguard measures on strategic local industries. The resolution on the cases currently being heard by the Tariff Commission will give a clear signal as to the readiness of the Government to deal with the unfair trading practices of other countries and demonstrate the political will to save jobs and industry.

We also call on the Government to enact stronger anti-smuggling laws and enforcement programs. We also demand a general review of the tariff policy, for tariffs should be used to enhance, not destroy, the productive capabilities of the country.

Finally, we call on all Filipinos to unite in the collective defense of local industries and agriculture. We, the people, must lead in the defense of our local industries and agriculture and jobs by exercising our market power. We must consciously choose to patronize locally-manufactured and grown products, and reject dumped imports and smuggled products. For we cannot afford to lose our future for a few pesos of discount.

DEFEND LOCAL INDUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURE!

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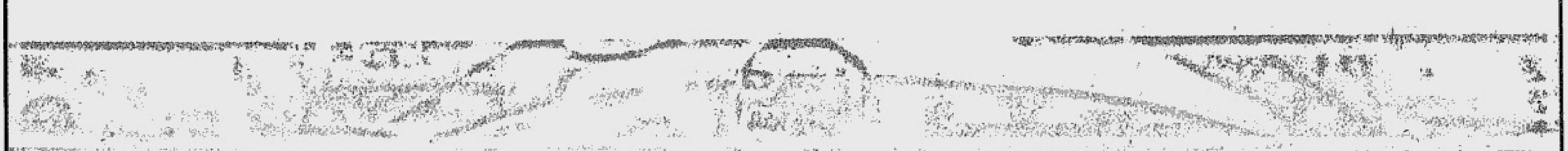

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Success of 'Moulin Rouge' results in musical films' revival

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VIEWERS' reactions to **Baz Luhrmann**'s "Moulin Rouge" are mixed—some find the musical film exciting, while others feel that its mix of songs not written especially for the production makes for a messy movie.

But one thing is clear: pretty much all by its lonesome, "Moulin Rouge" has achieved the heretofore improbable, if not impossible: revive the dying (if not dead) musical film form.

This is a major achievement because movie musicals used to be a big staple of some Hollywood Studios (especially MGM) in the '50s and '60s.

Since the '80s, however, musical films have fallen into disfavor because their stylized conventions felt weird and overly self-conscious in the more realistic and pragmatic concluding decades of the old millennium.

Thankfully, "Moulin Rouge" has proved to be so popular that other original musical films or stage musicals' movie versions are being produced. Fans of "Rent" will be delighted to know that the Broadway musical is in the process of being adapted for the big screen.

The incipient trend is heating up even more because "Moulin Rouge" has been nominated for a Best Picture Oscar—the first time a musical has been accorded that honor since "All That Jazz" 22 years ago.

It isn't really expected that "Moulin Rouge" will romp off with the Oscar for Best Picture later this month ("A Beautiful Mind" is reported to be the frontrunner in that race), but its nomination is a strong enough boost to make some other producers want to bankroll their own musical projects.

Traditionally, the movies have used the theater as their main source of musical material, so some people are wondering why musicals like "Miss Saigon" and "Phantom of the Opera" haven't made it to the big screen.

Well, the reason for that is that those musicals' various production are still making money all over the world. But the success of "Moulin Rouge" is expected to hasten their "graduation" to moviehouse screens.

In addition, there are musicals like "Moulin Rouge" which have a more eclectic approach, adapting existing tunes to a more cinematic format. And there are movies that use a lot of songs in their soundtracks, but stop short at having their actors break out in song.

As the movie musical continues to reinvent itself for the new film times and audiences, different formats will be tried out, and the most popular ones will remain, and slowly but surely create a new tradition for musical films.

The important thing is not really form, but the fact that the musical film is staging a strong comeback. We love musical movies because they are larger than life, and their musical numbers transport audiences to a higher, purer plane, where themes, issues and emotions are at their most vivid.

NGC documentary

NATIONAL Geographic has located the subject of its most recognized photograph, the mysterious "Afghan girl" whose haunting, green-eyed gaze has long intrigued the world, 17 years after her picture appeared on the magazine's cover in 1985. She has been identified as **Sharbat Gula**, now married and living in a remote region of Afghanistan.

The process of finding her will be detailed in a television documentary that will appear on the National Geographic Channel internationally beginning today, March 18. More information is available at www.nationalgeographic.com/ngm.

Because Sharbat Gula has come to symbolize the suffering of an entire generation of Afghan women and their children, the National Geographic Society is creating a special fund to assist in the development and delivery of educational opportunities for young Afghan women and girls.

Holy Week movies on TV

CINEMA One presents these films for Holy Week at 8 a.m. weekdays: March 25, "Ingkong, Alpha at Omega" with **Eric Quizon** and **Perla Bautista**. March 26, **Donita Rose** in "Divine Mercy sa Buhay ni Sister Faustina." March 27, "Ama Namin" with **Christopher de Leon**. March 28, "Maranatha" with **Vic Vargas, Lorna Tolentino** and **Beth Bautista.**

On Marcah 29, Good Friday, "Kristo" will be screened at 8 a.m. (the film stars **Matt Ranillo III**), followed at 10 a.m. by "Cain at Abel," at noon by "Ingkong, Alpha at Omega," at 2 p.m. by "Divine Mercy sa Buhay . . . ," at 4 p.m. by "Himala" with Nora Aunor, at 6 p.m. by "Misteryo sa Tuwa," at 8 p.m. by "Ama Namin," and at 10:45 by Mike de Leon's "Itim," with **Tommy Abuel** and **Charo** Santos.

I will miss you, 'Tatang'

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ton, in the late 1970s when Coney Island ice cream was first introduced in Manila, *Tatang* made sure that there was bubble gum flavored ice cream for dessert, for us younger kids, **Rina**, me, **Mikee**, **Mai Mai** and **China**. We all felt equally loved because he made sure each of our servings had enough of the red "chiclet" pieces that were the big come-on of that flavor.

Whenever any of us would get sick or eventually when any of us would give birth, *Tatang* Fred would be the first to arrive in our hospital room, armed with his extra plates, utensils, cups, and canned soft drinks.

I think *Tatang* made the best *leche flan*, so he also made sure to bring me his specialty. He was there all throughout our hospitalization, never once looking fatigued despite our many demands.

Tatang Fred spoiled my cousin Rina and me, because we lived with him in our *Lola* Ma's house. Rina lived there all her life until our *lola* died. I stayed there after my dad's assassination, when I was enrolled in International School, and then in Colegio de San Agustin.

Tatang held the household budget, and when Rina and I had already spent most of our allowance, it was easy to cajole him to give us a couple of hundreds each to see us through the week. We'd get away with having DiMark's Taco pizza, Taco Bell (there was a local franchise until the mid-'80s; I wish they'd bring it back), McDonald's, or Tokyo Tokyo regularly for merienda.

When we left for the US, I was a devoted "Flor de Luna" fan. Living at my *lola*'s, my allegiance switched to **Julie Vega**'s "Anna Liza" because this was *Tatang*'s favorite soap. While it was airing, *Tatang* held court in my *Lola* Ma's sitting room, before the television set.

What Rina and I enjoyed the most was *Tatang* Fred's signing privileges at United Supermarket, both at the small one in Forbes, which is now Rustan's, and the bigger one in Greenbelt, which has been demolished to make way for a bigger Greenbelt mall. *Tatang* was like Santa Claus because he bought all our *bilin*, our bags of Chippy and Clover Chips, our orange and grape Sunkist juices in triangular tetra packs, and our bottled Chocolait.

The best thing about *Tatang* Fred was that he was always capable of giving us unconditional love. Even when we were brats, he would just pretend to be cranky, but later on he couldn't stop himself from giving us a hug or an affectionate pinch.

He was also a one-man employment agency. In fact, he recommended my *yaya*, Mida, and she's been with me for the past 10 years.

He was an incomparable blessing.

I will miss you, *Tatang*.

Maritoni survives cancer . . .

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raries learn through imitation, Maritoni opts to take the road less traveled.

"Cherie Gil is definitely one of the most influential *contravidas* in my book," she says. "I've always thought it was difficult to exude class while being in a *masa*-based industry, but Cherie showed it can be done.

"But I don't want to mold my style after someone else's. I don't even have a model. That's where the challenge lies, to come up with an entirely different way of presenting a scene."

Maritoni also adores **Joan Collins**. "I was a big 'Dynasty' fan from way back and it seemed like she was having all the fun. She was beating up everyone on the set, getting away with murder and, of course, she gets to flaunt all those amazing costumes."

Behind the glitter and glamour of show biz life is a woman who values her privacy.

"I'm a very private person," Maritoni says. "I could never get used to the fame part of show biz. Of course, being a *contravida* has its advantages. Some people are actually scared of you so they maintain their distance. It's good to know that people know you but still respect your privacy."

New board member

LAST Friday, **Joel Jimenez** represented the Jimenez family in the GMA 7 board meeting. With GMA president **Felipe L. Gozon**, the young Jimenez clarified the situation involving the recent termination of the services of **Roberto "Bobby" Barreiro.** He said it is not an issue between the two families.

In the meeting, the GMA board unanimously elected **Manuel P. Quioge** as the new president, chief operating officer and member of the board of the network.

A statement sent by GMA 7 to the INQUIRER said "Meckoy," as he is known in the industry, is an AB economics graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University and was the CEO of a group of companies of ABS-CBN, including Studio 23.

Quioge occupied key marketing positions in leading client companies like Unilever, Levi Strauss and Coca-Cola. He was formerly president of Pana (1984), chair of Adboard (1985), president of J. Walter Thompson (1991 to 1994) and former head of sales and marketing of ABS-CBN.

The statement was signed by Gozon and the younger Jimenez, who represented his dad, **Menardo "Nards" Jimenez**, former GMA president who remains a major stockholder of the network.

Gary V in Germany

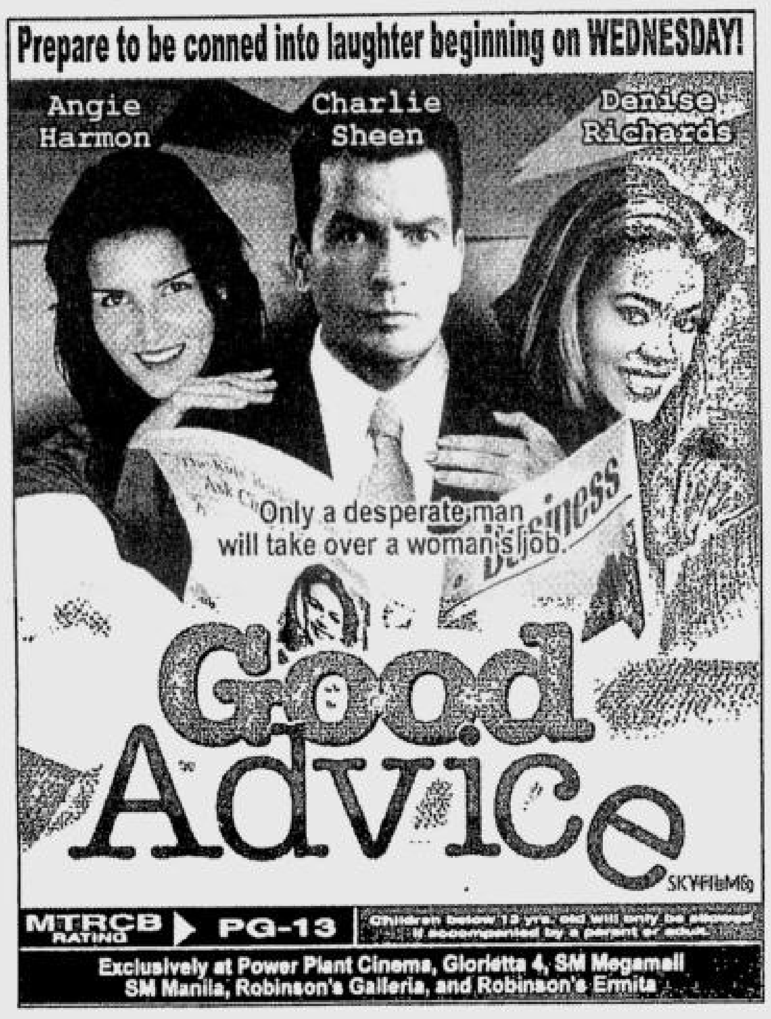
ANGELI Pangilinan-Valenciano, wife of pop idol **Gary Valenciano**, sent us this text message from Germany.

"The Senheisser Gary V microphone from the Philippines won the best special project for marketing excellence at the Distributors' Conference in Berlin."

Angeli said Asia took all three awards for the distributors of Senheisser, with China as the leading distributor.

Gary V's microphone project bested the ones for **Sting, Madonna, Paul McCartney** and Backstreet Boys, according to Angeli.

Last Wednesday, Gary performed at the Frankfurt Music Messe.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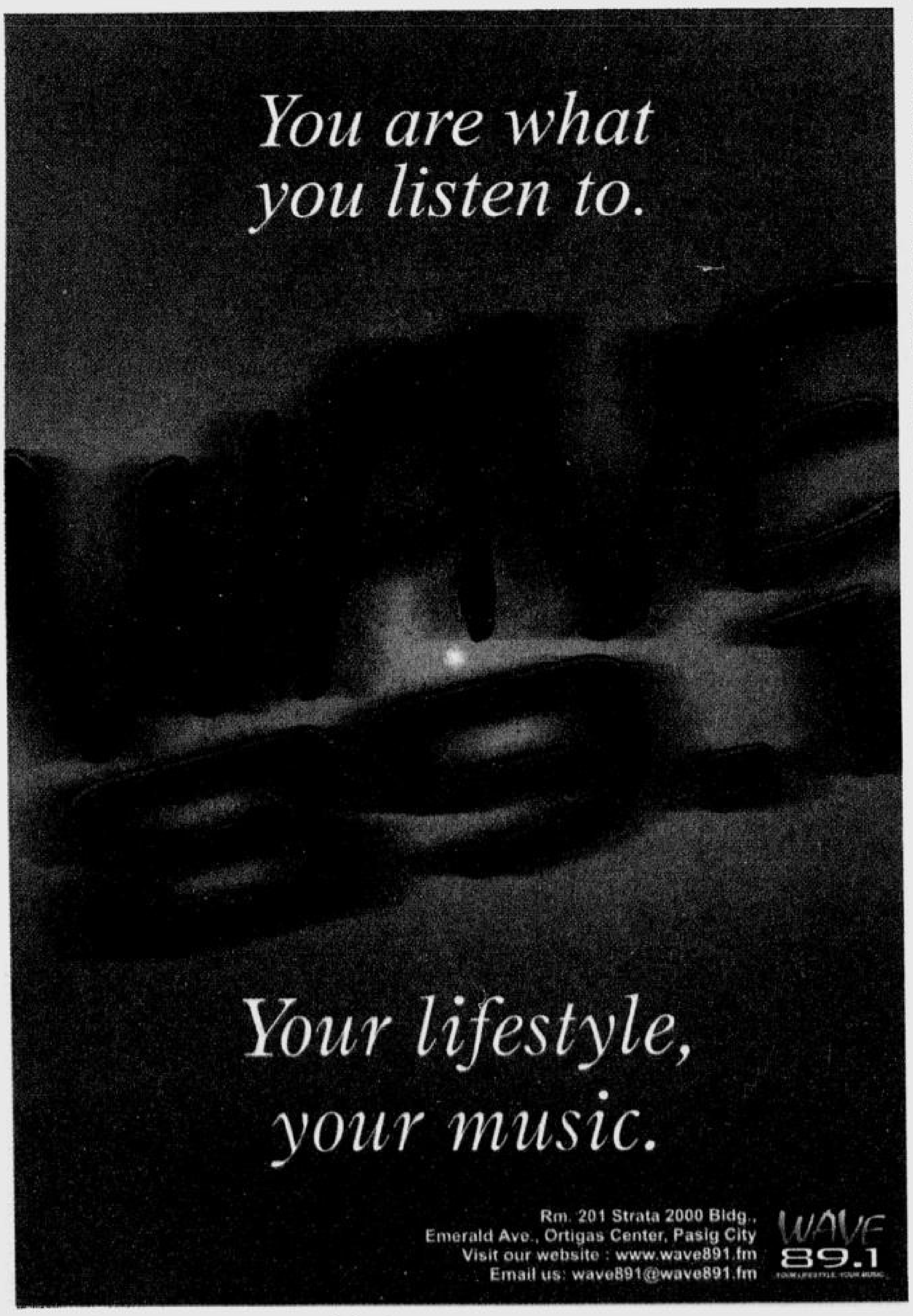
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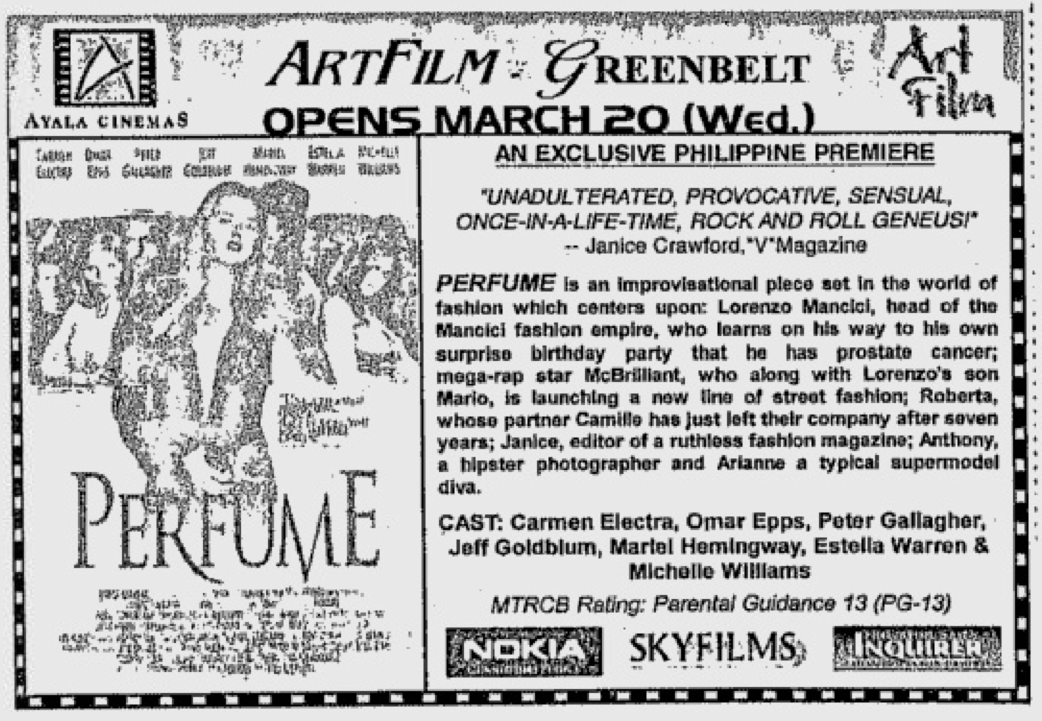
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Maritoni survives cancer and returns to show biz

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DIAGNOSED with breast cancer in 2000, **Maritoni Fernandez** was scared.

Maritoni had a steadily rising show biz career, several TV and film offers and many other challenges and opportunities.

She went to the United States for treatment and was out of the public eye for more than a year. Throughout those bleak and trying days, prayers and messages of support and concern from her friends and loved ones kept her alive. Her seven-year-old daughter **Alexia** also became her pillar of strength.

"Older people broke down easily when they saw my condition," Maritoni shares. "But my daughter had so much faith in me and I latched on to that faith and that pulled me through. She's an amazing little girl.

"I'm glad I survived. Lucky for me (the cancer) was caught at an early stage. I pray that I never have it again."

A joyful Maritoni recently came home with the good news that her cancer had a remission. Given a new lease on life, she is now reminding people how short life is.

"I don't mean that in a negative way, but a lot of us tend to forget how precious each moment is, no matter where we are or what we're doing," Maritoni explains. "I'd like to tell everyone, 'Hey, it's okay to do that thing you've never done before, something that you've been putting off for so long.' Like, hey, I'm getting a tattoo soon."

After her stay in the US, Maritoni now looks forward to being active in show biz again. Upon the prodding of her good friend **Dina Bonnevie**, she signed up with **Arnold Vegafria**'s ALV Productions, the same talent management outfit that handles Dina's entertainment career, as well as those of **Alice Dixson, Geneva Cruz** and Dina's daughter **Danica Sotto**, among others.

Maritoni is optimistic ALV Productions can fast-track her return to the business and help her revive her acting career.

She was known as the loathsome Ruth, the *contravida* in the Sunday afternoon drama series, "Anna Karenina," on GMA 7.

"While I was doing my shopping one day, when an old woman came out of nowhere and started poking me with her umbrella," Maritoni recalls. "She said I was so mean on TV."

But instead of being offended by the old woman's remark, Maritoni felt she had been complimented.

"That means I'm doing a good job," she beams. "I'd probably be more insulted if they were laughing at me. But eliciting such remarks from an angry audience is the biggest compliment."

During her early years in the business in the late '80s, Maritoni was already doing lead roles. But in the mid-'90s, she became a *contravida* for the first time, in "Padre Amante Guerrero," with **Eddie Garcia** in the title role.

"Although I was *bida* at the start, there was this twist in the story toward the end that required me to shift gears and turn into a villainess," she recalls. "I found it much more fun and challenging to play *contravida* roles.

"The reason I love being *contravida* is that the *contravida* breathes life to the character of the *bida*. I've been playing Ruth since 1996 and my character has evolved a lot. She can be as evil as you can imagine or she can be so nice that you wonder what she's up to."

What makes a good *contravida* for Maritoni?

"It's always better to act by being rather than by just relying on technique," she explains.

While most of her contempo-

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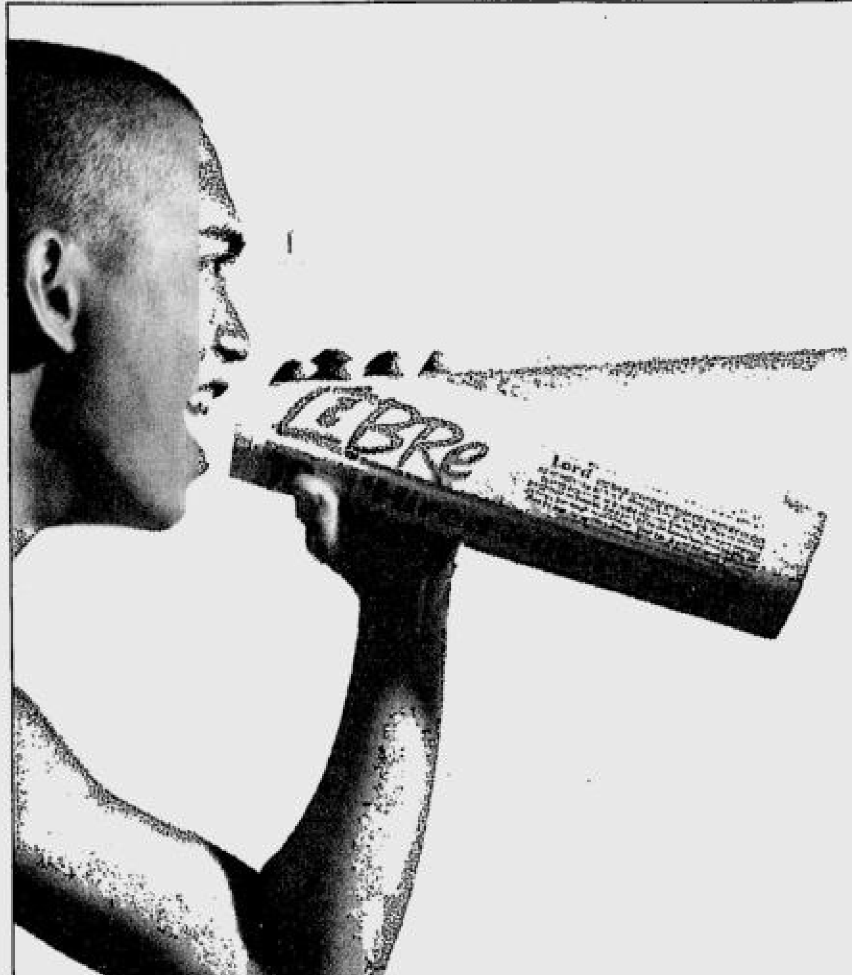

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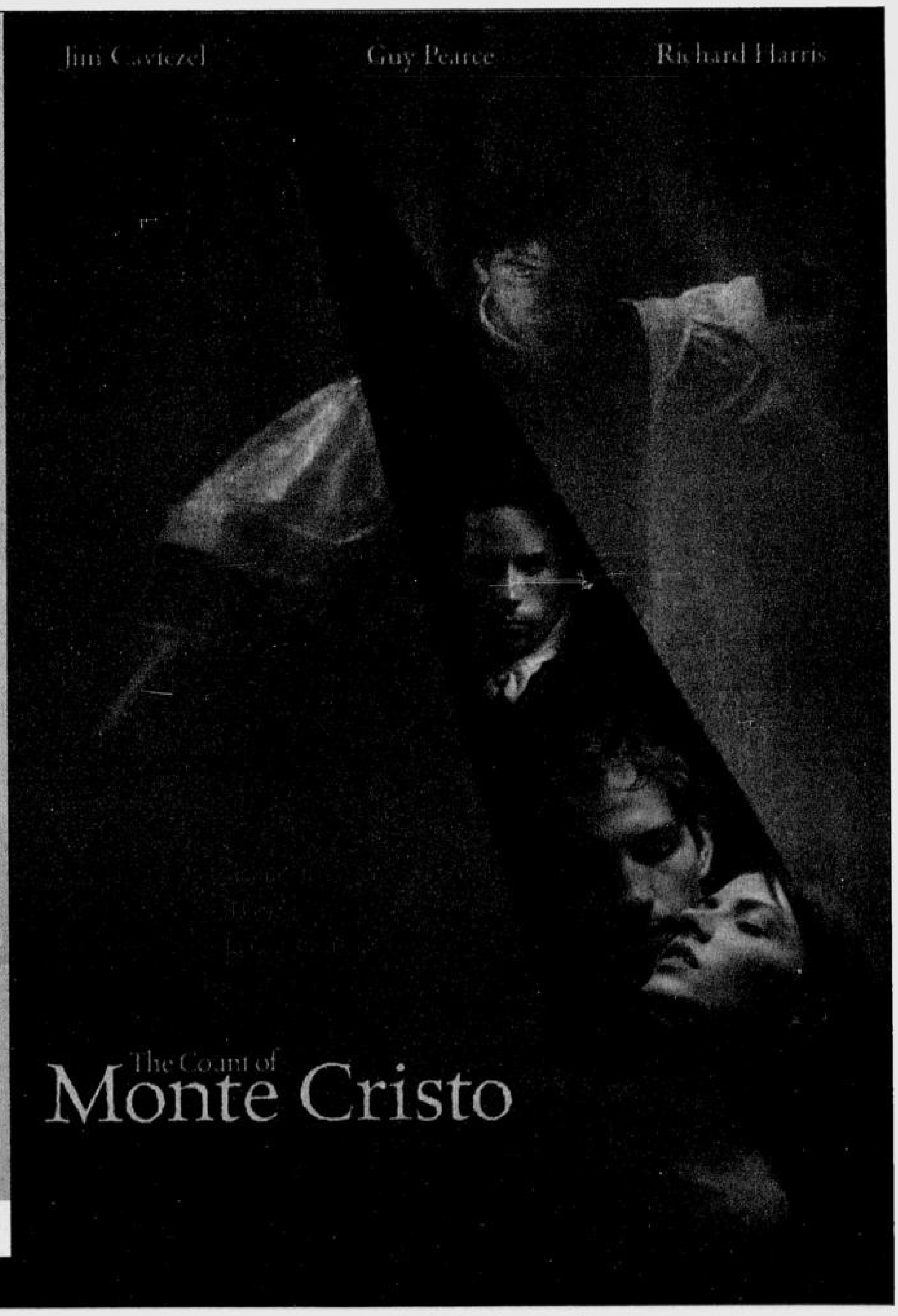

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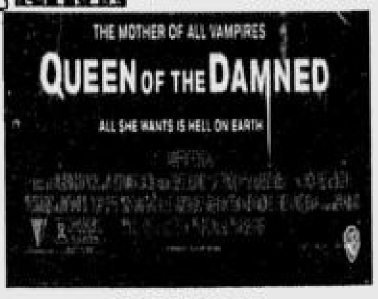
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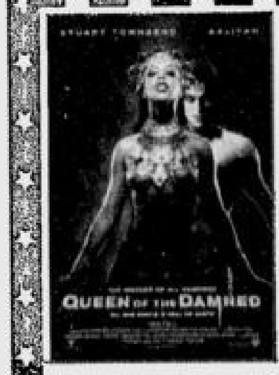

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I will miss you, 'Tatang'

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

LAST Tuesday, we lost a very special member of our family.

He was *Tatang* Fred. Born **Alfredo Cantila** 73 years ago, Tatang was the man Friday of my maternal grandparents, *Lolo* Pepe and *Lola* Ma. He was with our family for more than 43 years. In this day, that kind of loyalty is indeed very rare.

Even after both my *lolo* and *lola* died, *Tatang* remained a devoted presence in our lives. He looked after my grandparents' home in Forbes, ordered our cakes and pastries because he knew who made the best, and made sure all our family celebrations happened without a hitch.

Even at the Manila Memorial Park, when we'd all come together in my grandparents' mausoleum on All Souls' Day (we've been going Nov. 2 for several years now), *Tatang* Fred would make sure there was a feast. He also loved my grandparents so much that he made sure that they would have one of the best floral displays in the whole memorial park.

My mom's side of the family is very close-knit. For as long as my *Lola* Ma was alive (she passed away in 1985), we were all present every Friday for a family reunion that started at lunch, went on to merienda, dinner, and for those who stayed on, midnight snack.

Feeding nearly 50 finicky mouths is no small feat, but *Tatang* Fred always managed to come up with an interesting and varied menu. I remember that before we left for Bos-

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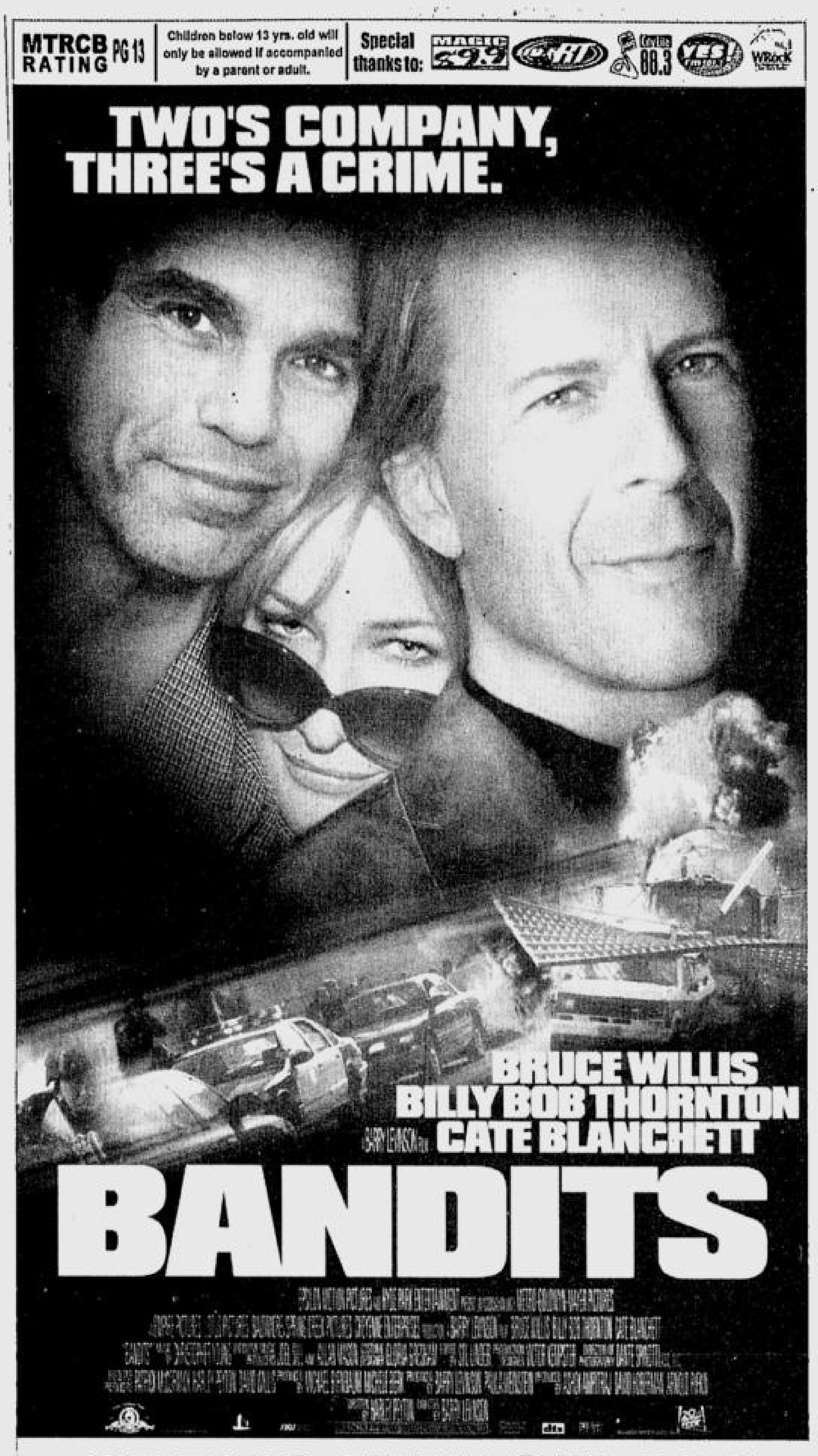
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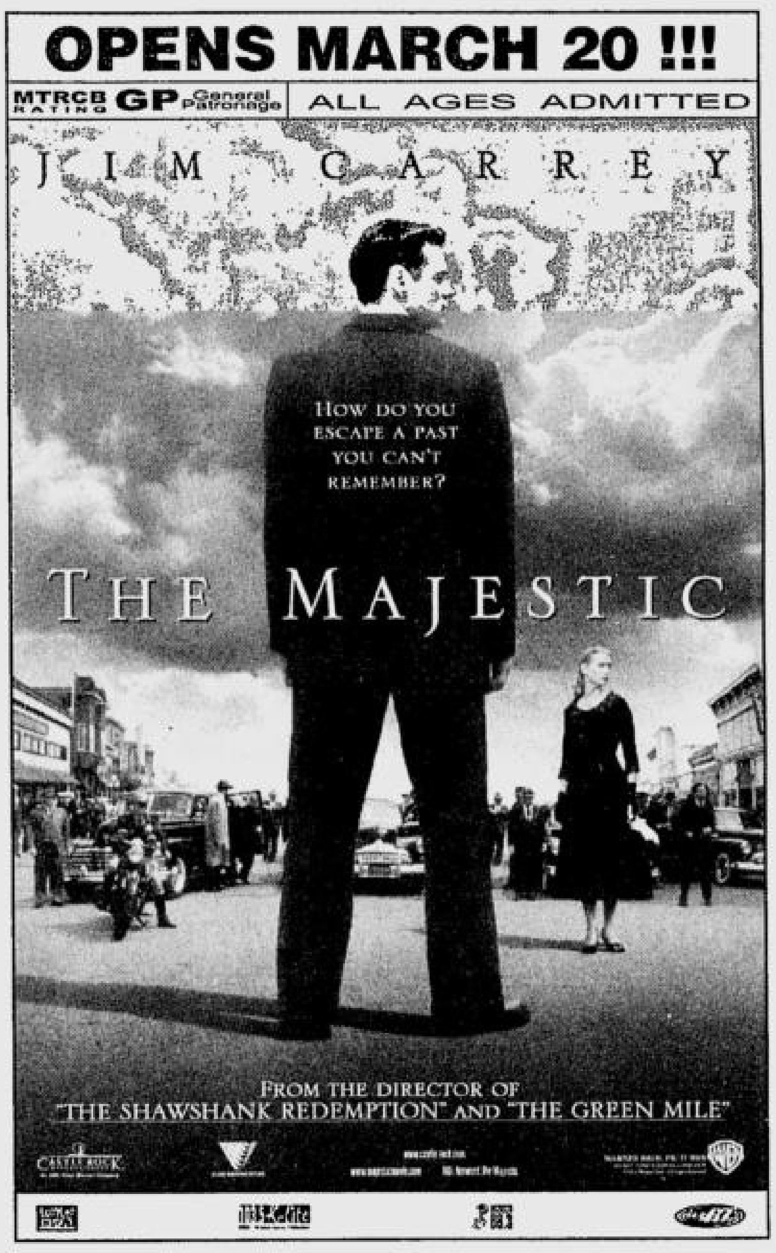
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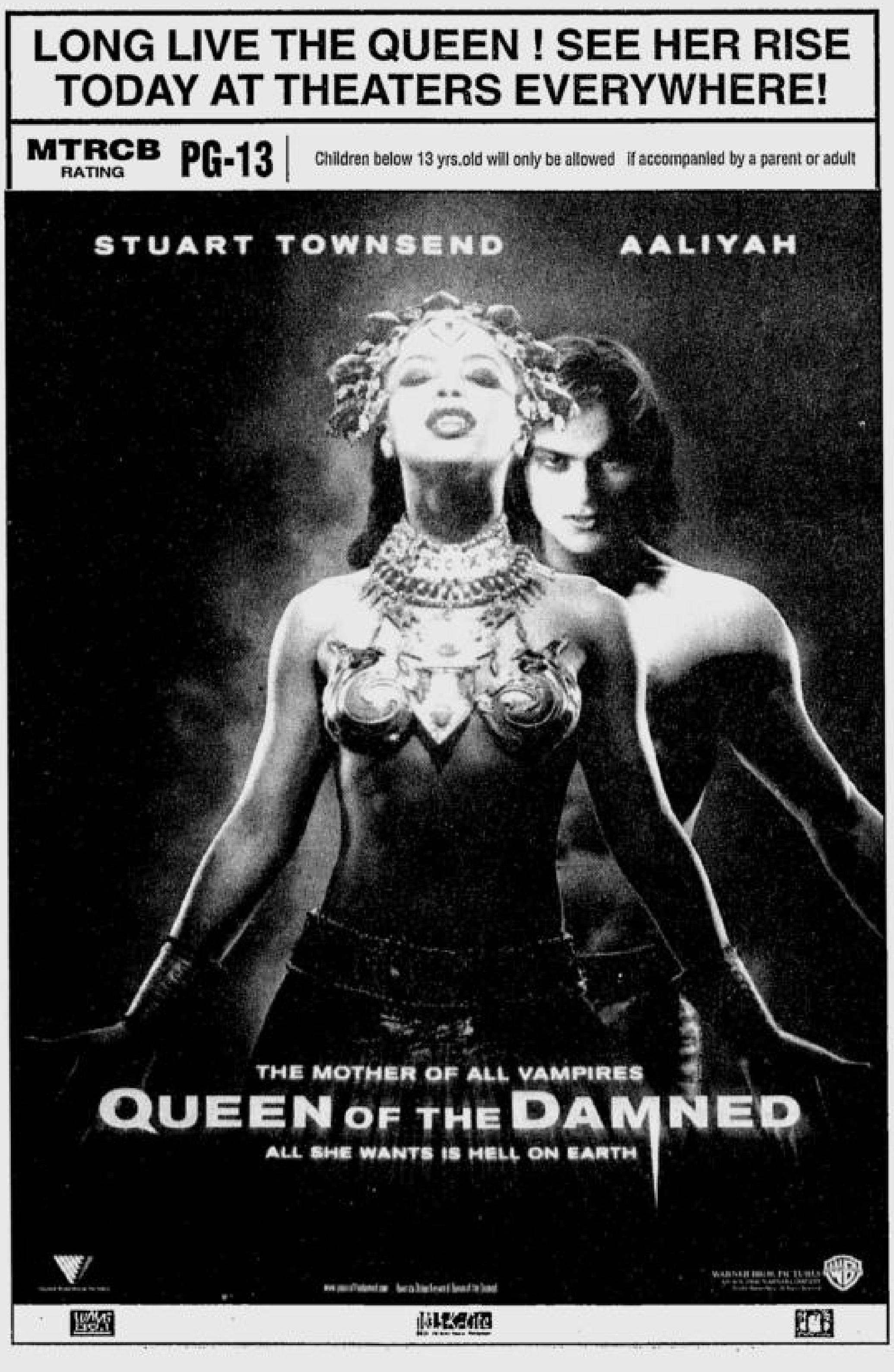
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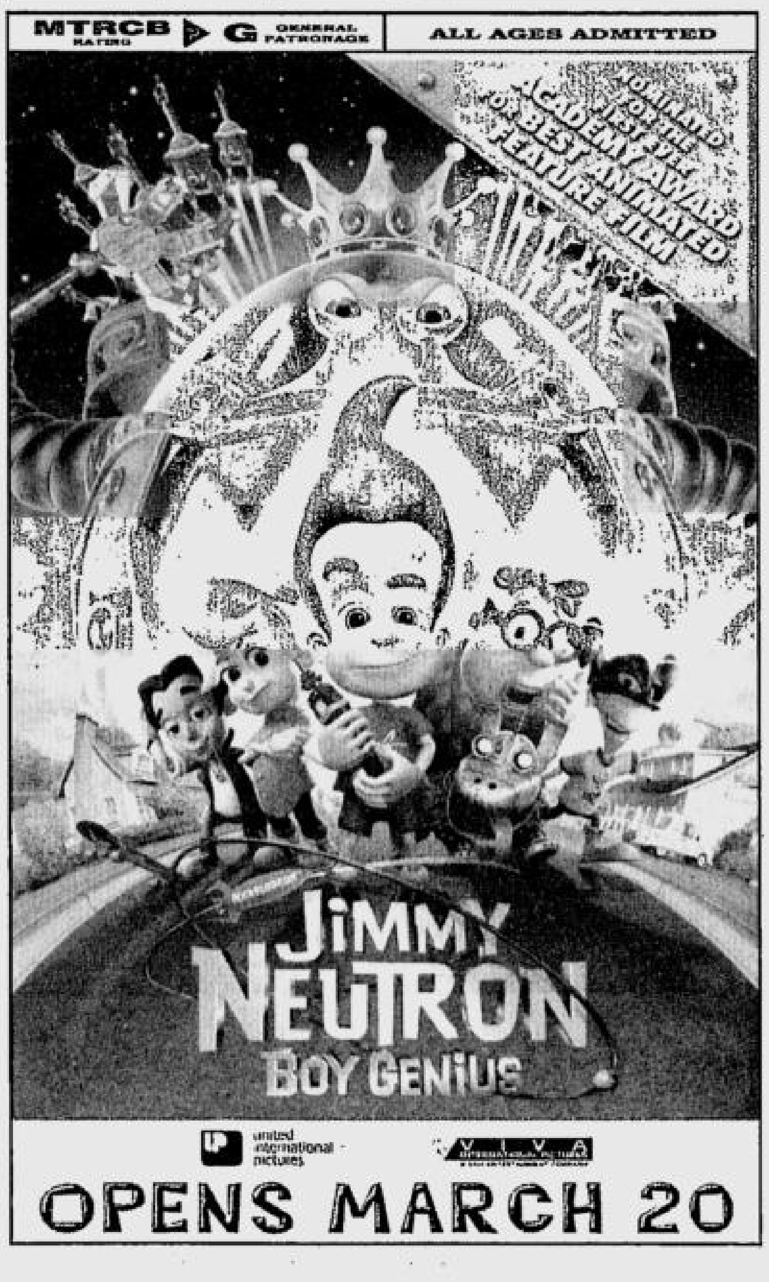
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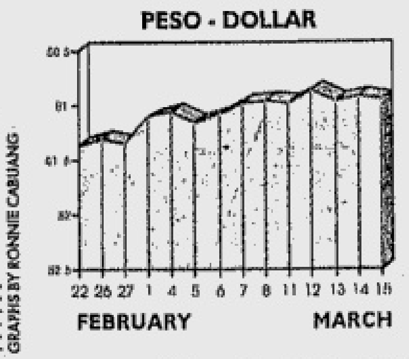

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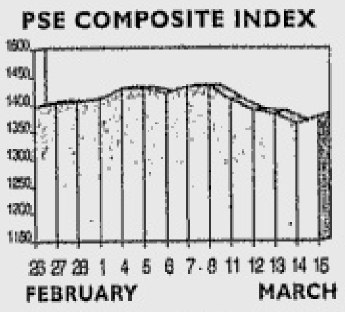

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By Clarissa S. Batino

BUSINESSES are more upbeat about the country's prospects in the coming quarter even as excess capacity still prevented companies from considering any expansion plans for now, a survey by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed.

A quarterly BSP poll of 234 respondents last January showed that the perception had turned around in contrast to the previous survey when businesses remained uncertain about prospects this year given the continued global economic weakness.

The central bank had surveyed 12 major industry groups with firms drawn from the top 3,000 corporations. The results showed a 39-percent response rate, higher than the previous quarter's 36 percent.

Using a so-called diffusion index wherein positive results meant more poll respondents had an improving outlook, the index for the first quarter was 5.9 percent compared with the expectations in the previous quarter of a negative 9.8 percent.

For the coming quarter, the index was 42.3 percent, indicating the rosy expectations of the respondents, largely on account of a better-than-expected economic performance last year when the gross domestic product managed to grow by 3.4 percent, one of the highest in the region.

Inflation last year was also contained within the target of 5-6 percent while the budget deficit of P147 billion was very near the target of P145 billion.

"The outlook for the second quarter is consistent with the market's view of a stronger domestic economic activity because of expected improvement in global economic conditions alongside the continuity of the market-friendly reforms of the Macapagal administration," Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura said in a statement.

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Still, the poll respondents pointed to competition and insufficient demand as factors seen to limit production and business activity.

More than 90 percent of the respondents said they were operating at less than full capacity in the first quarter. Thus, almost 80 percent indicated that they have no plans to expand in the next quarter.

The BSP said that it would start including in the upcoming surveys a new series called "confidence indicators" as prescribed by the assistance program under the Asian Development Bank.

The central bank said that unlike in recent surveys, the recent poll no longer highlighted some of the major concerns of respondents, including high interest rates, onerous access to credit and unclear economic laws.

Interest rates have fallen to historic lows while access to credit is being addressed by banks and some agencies of the government. Economic laws are also being improved.

When the survey was conducted, treasury bill rates had fallen to 15-year lows while the BSP overnight rates continued to decline. Last week, the central bank had cut rates by another 25 basis points, bringing the rates to their lowest in 10 years.

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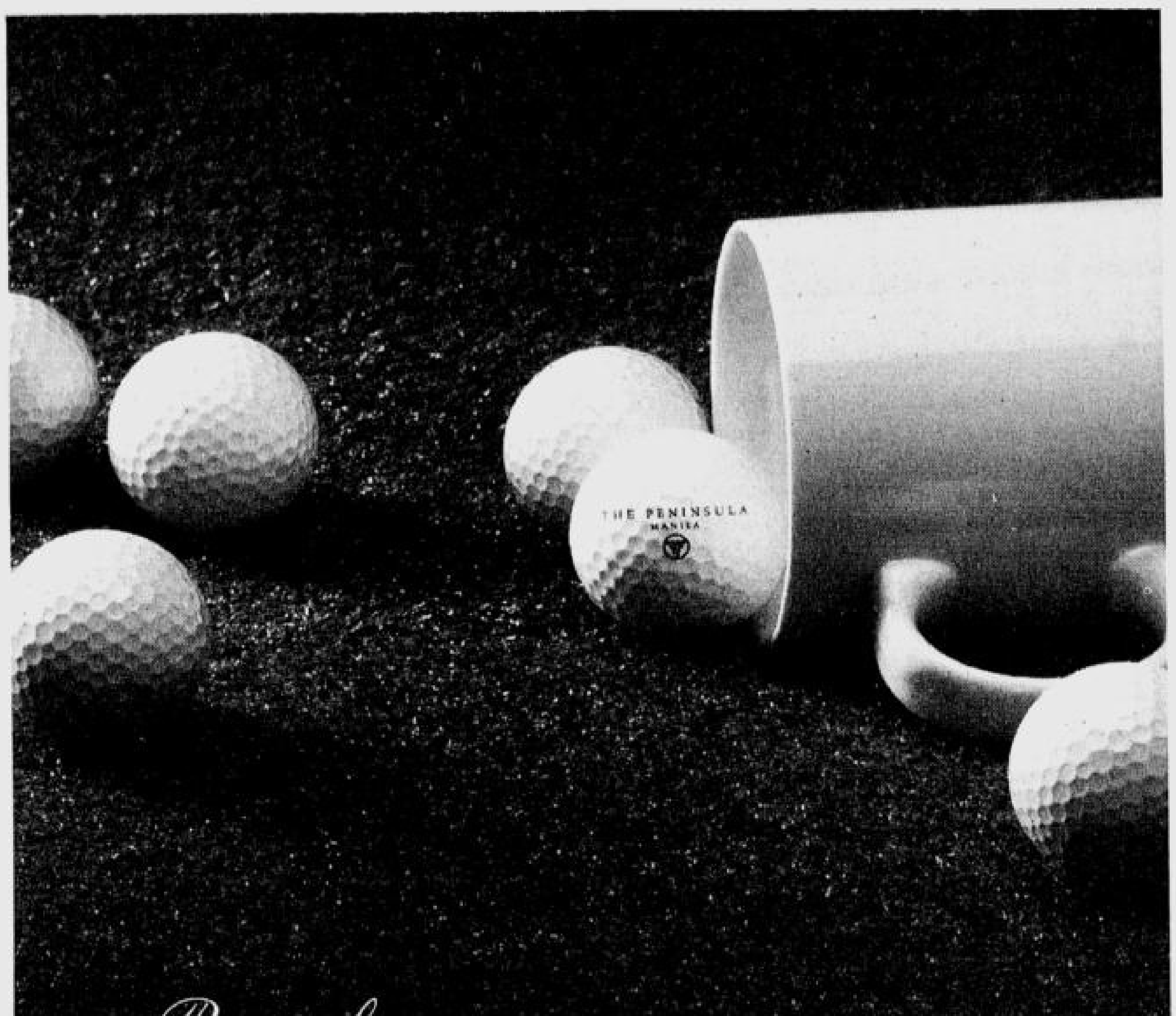

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Eight years on

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IN March of 1994, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines launched the East Asean Growth Area or BIMP-Eaga initiative. The formation of this sub-grouping by the four countries was designed to accelerate economic growth in some of their most resource-rich but underdeveloped territories.

The Eaga includes only one country in its entirety: Brunei Darussalam. The other member-territories are Indonesia's provinces of North Sulawesi, East Kalimantan and West Kalimantan; the Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak and the federal territory of Labuan, and the Philippines' Mindanao and Palawan. Indonesia eventually expanded its participation to include Irian Jaya, Maluku and the whole of Sulawesi and Kalimantan.

Most of these islands and regions are located at a distance, both geographical and psychological, from their respective national capitals, but all lie in close proximity to Eaga member-areas, sharing centuries-old ethnic ties and trading routes.

Following its formation, the BIMP-Eaga initiative yielded positive results almost immediately: The strengthening and opening of travel and trade routes, a travel tax exemption among members, uniform port tariffs and the groundwork laid for an Eaga-wide agreement on fifth freedom air traffic rights, as well as the agreement on customs, immigration and quarantine.

In 1994-1995, there were more than 253 trade missions from BIMP-Eaga to Mindanao alone. Mindanao's exports to BIMP-Eaga in 1997 amounted to P55 billion.

The situation was, however, drastically altered by the Asian financial crisis of 1997 and the succeeding events which stalled the initiative. Intra-Eaga activity slowed down. For example, Mindanao's trade with Indonesia dropped in value from a high of $80 million in 1995 down to $30 million just a year later.

The Eaga territories turned their attention inward, some of them having to deal with political turmoil, or even, as was the case in some parts of Mindanao, with armed conflict. If anything, this highlights the importance of the Eaga initiative, and the need to ensure the integration and sustainable development of the area.

In 2001, Asean started taking action to accelerate Eaga's revitalization. This was clearly spelled out by the heads of state attending the 7th Asean Summit last November. They recognized that what is good for these "peripheral" territories is good not just for Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines as well, but for the whole of Asean.

Seeing that new windows of opportunity are opening in the global economy, including the formal entry of China into the WTO, the revival of Eaga makes sense.

Eaga territories possess competitive advantages in energy, agribusiness (especially Mindanao), nature-based tourism, and other resources. There are promising areas for bilateral and multilateral complementation, such as fisheries, labor and services, and we can already see strategic movements in these areas.

Last January, for example, the Philippines signed its first-ever bilateral agreement in fisheries, with Indonesia. This development—which might not have taken place without the strong advocacy of Mindanaoans in the tuna industry—is expected to lead to a joint Philippine-Indonesian management plan for tuna fisheries in the Celebes and Sulawesi seas, and will define the total allowable catch in the Indonesian EEZ.

New sea and air links for moving people and cargo within Eaga have been set up in just a few months: These include, among others, the Davao-Manado (Sulawesi) flight route of Aboitiz One and the new Zamboanga-Bongao (Tawi-tawi)-Sandakan ferry run by Weesam.

Speaking at the First Mindanao Shippers' Conference held in Cagayan de Oro last week, Doris Magasaysay-Ho, president of the Philippine Inter-Island Shippers Association, pointed out that General Santos City could be the shipping hub not just for southern Mindanao, but for the whole of Sulawesi as well.

The current thinking goes beyond simple intra-Eaga linkage; the focus is increasingly on how Eaga neighbors can help each other expand their global market reach. Exporters based in Bitung, Sulawesi, for example, can cut costs shipping to the USA if they can send out their cargo through GenSan rather than Jakarta. Looking toward the opposite direction, southern Mindanao businessmen can more cheaply export to Singapore if they go through Bitung rather than Manila.

The successful revival of the BIMP-Eaga initiative will not just help bridge the economic divide between growth centers and outlying regions in this part of the world. It can also serve as a model strategy for effecting integration and creating economies of scale in an increasingly interdependent world.

(Joji Ilagan Bian is the chairperson of the Mindanao Business Council.)

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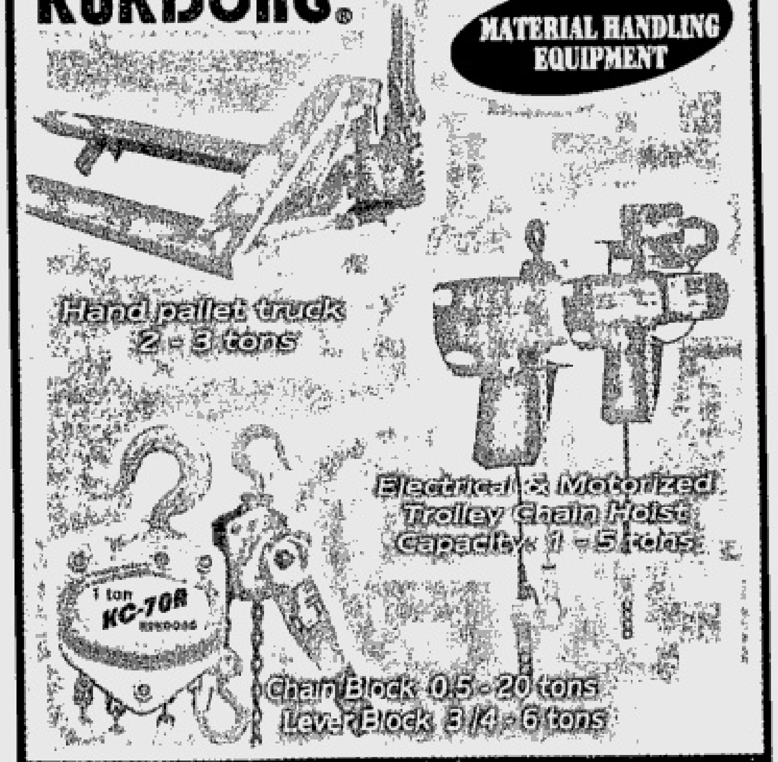

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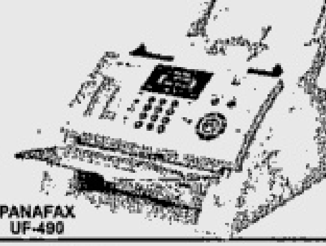

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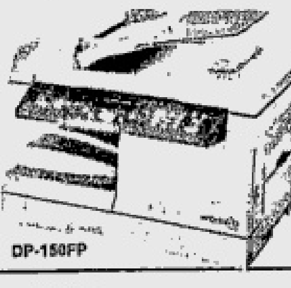

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Rockwell's horror stories

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Victor C. Agustin

FROM the way the horror stories are going around in the cocktail-and-dinner circuit, Rockwell is by far the most unsafe mall in the city today.

We are not talking of petty thievery and shoplifting, but of alleged kidnappings right in the ladies' toilet by the mall's theaters and vehicle snatchings in the basement carpark.

Nestor Padilla, president of Rockwell Land, has been sufficiently alarmed by the intensity of the talks that he sent *Cocktales* a status report, specially in the wake of an advisory issued by the Asian Development Bank to its officers and employees.

"While there had been incidents of cellular phones being lost in the ladies room, the most serious incident we know, through the e-mail, is the case of a Citibank executive who claims to have been held up inside the toilet," said Padilla.

The alleged victim, however, refused to meet with Rockwell executives despite their attempts to contact her, he added.

Except for the botched March 11 kidnapping, whose planners incidentally included the household help, there had been no kidnappings at all in Rockwell, Padilla said, swearing on a stack of bibles.

As to the rumored vehicle snatchings and cars disappearing in the carparks, Rockwell has received absolutely no complaint at all since the mall opened in November 2000, he added.

Laurel and Luke

FORMER Vice President Salvador Laurel has come out in public to acknowledge that he, too, has been "victimized" by real estate developer Luke Roxas.

Laurel's law office furnished *Cocktales* a copy of the Department of Justice resolution paving the way for the former Vice President to pursue a criminal complaint against Roxas for the non-delivery of three condo units at the unfinished ASB Malayan Tower in Ortigas Center.

Laurel paid in July 1999 almost P14 million cash for three adjoining condo units at the Ortigas building, with ASB Realty Corp., where Roxas is president, promising to deliver the completed units by August 2000.

To this date, the building has remained unfinished, with construction having altogether stopped after the ASB Group of Companies, crushed by debts, filed for rehabilitation.

Roxas said that he is still negotiating with Malayan Insurance Co. for the latter to complete the condominium.

Lafayette's liability

THREE business firms sharing the same VAT numbers?

Homeowners of One Lafayette Square condominium in Salcedo Village are aghast after discovering that the association management has been farming out contracts, first, to the president's family businesses, and, second and worse, the three favored companies that share the same VAT registration numbers!

Worst of all, one of the three firms is an accounting firm, Lim Sanchez & Associates, whose non-VAT number is the same as the VAT numbers of the other two firms, a computer company and a hardware store.

The president of the Lafayette homeowners association is one Cecilia Custodio, and her counsel/corporate secretary is Victor Africa, the chair of the Erap-appointed board of the sequestered Philippine Overseas Telecommunications Corp.

Heard through the grapevine

PRESIDENTIAL adviser Gloria Tan Climaco has been designated by President Macapagal-Arroyo to review the controversial Jancom garbage contract, after Hilarion Henares Jr., another GMA adviser, submitted his own findings on the same issue.

Incidentally, one lobby group is now compiling a dossier on Tan Climaco for a possible negative publicity campaign.

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Metrobank lowers stock par value

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved the reduction in the par value of Metrobank shares from P100 to P20 per share and corresponding increase in the bank's common shares from 500 million to 2.5 billion.

With the approval, existing Metrobank shareholders will get five shares for every share they own. The total par value of shares owned by a shareholder remains the same.

According to Metrobank president Antonio S. Abacan Jr., the par value reduction is aimed at encouraging small and new investors, whether individual or corporate, to own Metrobank shares.

Lopez company sees bright prospects. . .

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center business more," she said.

Aside from Spanish, she said focus would be on Asian languages, specially Chinese and Japanese.

She explained that getting Filipinos with enough skill in these languages would mean greater interconnectivity with the rest of Asia and more business from foreign clients.

American and other foreign firms would prefer a call center facility that could handle calls from countries all over the world, not only English-speaking ones.

Batungbacal admitted, though, that education should start at the grassroots level to produce thousands of Chinese- and Japanese-speaking Filipinos.

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NDC to issue 7-year bonds to refinance outstanding IOUs

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE STATE-OWNED National Development Co. will float this year P5 billion worth of seven-year bonds to refinance its outstanding IOUs issued under the Economic Recovery through Agricultural Productivity or Erap bonds to take advantage of record-low interest rates.

Trade and Industry Secretary and NDC chair Manuel A. Roxas II said the NDC would stick to a "plain vanilla" bond issue despite a clamor for the government to issue more innovative debt instruments like the controversial zero coupon bonds of Code-NGO and Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

"I believe that a simple debt issue would suffice for NDC and its requirements. I don't think we need to issue anything fancy," said Roxas who refused to elaborate on why he eschewed zero coupon bonds.

Roxas said he believed that this year was the best time to borrow money considering that the benchmark 91-day treasury bill rate has fallen to 6.911 percent, its lowest since January 1987. The Department of Finance has approved NDC's application to get a government guarantee for the new IOUs.

Roxas said the NDC has agreed to stretch the maturity period of the NDC bonds to be refinanced from five to seven years to give the state's private investment arm a longer period to maximize its investments.

Roxas said the NDC has agreed to expand the target recipients of the fresh funds beyond agricultural enterprises. Also, he said the bonds could now be used either as equity and loan and the limits on the equity ownership have been discarded.

The NDC was forced to reallocate the bulk of the P5 billion proceeds from the Erap bonds to other government financial institutions for re-lending not because of the lack of promising projects but because of the rigid guidelines for the deployment of these funds.

The Erap bonds were supposed to be invested as minority equity (NDC is not allowed to own more than 49 percent in a single venture) in agricultural projects and generate sufficient returns before the bonds fall due after five years. These limitations were adopted to ensure that the funds were used for agriculture projects and that no single project would corner the bulk of the funds.

NDC made a maiden, P5-billion offering in 1999 from its P50-billion Erap bonds mandate at an interest rate of 7.87 percent. The bonds are set to mature in 2004.

Gov't guaranteed debts hit ₱496B

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE LEVEL of the government's contingent debts rose by 2.8 percent as of end-2001 to P495.78 billion from P482.1 billion a year ago due to new loans guaranteed by the national government.

From November, the contingent liabilities went up only by 0.5 percent from P493.36 billion.

More than 95 percent of the contingent debts were due to guarantees issued to foreign borrowings of both government and private companies worth P472.61 billion.

Contingent debts may become actual debts if a company or a state agency that availed itself of sovereign guarantees for its loans would default on the payment.

A government guarantee is an assurance to lenders that if a borrower fails to pay the loan, the state would assume the obligations. Whether the proponent settles or passes off the loan, the amount is considered a contingent liability and is included in the computation of the consolidated public sector deficit.

Last year, the government was estimated to have settled P12 billion in contingent liabilities that became actual obligations. The amount of contingent debts is estimated to grow to P600 billion in the next 20 years.

Adding the contingent debts to the government's total obligations, the country's debt stock would swell to P2.88 trillion as against a debt stock of P2.385 trillion in end-December.

Sources said the increase in the contingent debts in December was mostly due to the guarantees issued to the national government's direct borrowings.

Domestic contingent debts soared by 86.1 percent from P12.451 billion in December 2000 but down 11.7 percent from P26.223 billion in November 2001. The foreign contingent liabilities went up by 0.6 percent from P469.647 billion a year ago and by 1.2 percent from P467.132 billion the previous month.

In December, the government completed a $390-million, 10-year borrowing in the Japanese market and a $117-million, one-year borrowing from the local dollar deposit units.

Included in the debts the government had settled last year were P3.43 billion in borrowings of Metro Rail Transit Corp. that the state had guaranteed.

The liabilities arose from the government's agreement to guarantee a 15-percent return-on-equity for the company as well as 400,000 ridership per day for the MRT.

Such a risk undertaking means that if the return-on-equity or the ridership falls below what had been committed to by the government, then the state would have to pay for the difference.

This is the same with the take-or-pay arrangement with many independent power producers that the Ramos administration had entered into during the power crisis. If the volume of electricity sold by the IPPs was below the off-take rate, then the government accounts for the difference.

Analysts said the rising level of expiring sovereign guarantees would make it even more difficult for the government to implement fiscal discipline and achieve a balanced budget in the coming years.

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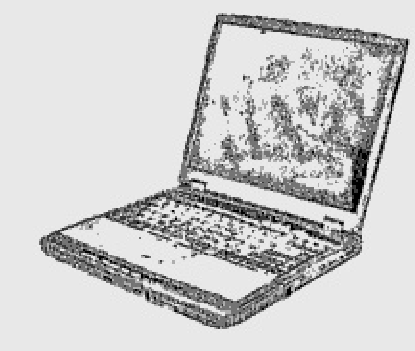

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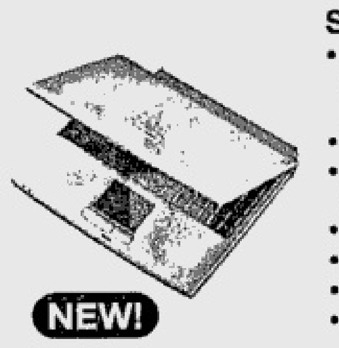

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Hong Kong political risk survey no good

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

THERE are surveys and there are surveys. Some are quite useful; others are just plain garbage.

One that stinks to high heavens all the way from across the South China Sea is the survey that ranks the countries in our part of the world from the least to the most corrupt. A political risk consultancy firm in Hong Kong regularly conducts the survey.

One of the things an investor looks into before investing in a Third World country like the Philippines is the political risk. Is the government stable? Will a foreigner get a fair shake in court? What is the possibility of a government takeover of private business? Above all, what is the level of corruption?

American multinationals carry political risks insurance provided by the Federal government. This very specialized line of insurance is also available in Lloyds of London.

An article on the latest survey on corruption in East Asia by the Hong Kong political risk consultancy firm was run in the INQUIRER recently. As in the past, the least corrupt were Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan. At the bottom was Indonesia as the most corrupt. The Philippines went up a notch, thank you very much.

Going by popular perception alone, the rankings are probably correct. But judging from the methodology, the survey does not validate them. The survey is no good.

The political risk consultancy firm claims that 1,000 executives around the region took part in the survey. Apparently, asking executives to take part gives the survey an aura of validity. But what kind of executives are those? CEOs? COOs? CFOs? Regional managers? Coffee shop habitues? Were all the participants doing business all over the region? Are we to believe that, at the time of the survey, each of the brave 1,000 knew the amount of corruption going on in every country to be able to rank them from 0 to 10? Where did the political risk consultancy firm find such exceptional executives?

Then, the participants were asked, on the scale of 0 to 10, to rank each country, 0 for the least, and 10 for the most corrupt. This method is certainly valid in a beauty contest where each contestant sashays up and down a causeway for all the judges to enjoy. But the method is of dubious validity, to say the least, when comparing corruption in different countries in the region.

Finally, what exactly was the question asked of the participants? If it was, "On the scale of 0 to 10, how do you rank the corruption in each of the country in East Asia," the question is too broad, corruption in every country having so many different facets, that the question is virtually meaningless. And so are the answers. Even in a beauty contest, participants are not judged on the basis of one question. They judged in various categories, poise, beauty and figure. Then there are the swimsuit and evening gown competitions. And, finally, the interview.

Which brings me to a lunch I had early last year with a Filipino political risk consultant who said he was operating out of New York, Washington and Cebu. Over a rare T-bone steak, he gave an articulate dissertation on why Edsa II could not happen. The ingredients of a revolution, he said, were simply not there: charismatic leader, cause, critical mass, etc., etc. I asked, "Aren't cloistered nuns at prayer one of the ingredients?" He said, "Oh, you mean the light from above? I don't believe in it." Two days later, Joseph Estrada was sneaking out of the back door of Malacañang, and into a barge to bring him across the Pasig River. So much for articulate self-styled political risk consultants.

As to the political risk consultancy firm in Hong Kong, the next time it issues a corruption survey, I hope the INQUIRER will flush it down the gutter where it belongs.

Meralco must keep purchases, Napocor insists

THE NATIONAL Power Corp. said it would require the Manila Electric Co. to maintain its purchases despite the operation of two of Meralco's gas-fired power plants.

In an interview last week, Napocor officer-in-charge Roland Quilala stressed that Meralco has a commitment to buy from Napocor 3,600 megawatts a month until 2005.

The arrangement is part of a 10-year power supply deal between Napocor and Meralco signed in 1995.

Quilala said should Meralco renege on this agreement, it would face a fine of up to P2 billion a month.

Napocor is raising the matter in view of an expected drop in demand from Meralco, its biggest customer, due to the operation of two of Meralco's gas-fired power plants.

First Gas Power Corp., a Meralco unit, has begun commercially operating its 1,000-mw Sta. Rita power plant in Batangas. Its 500-mw San Lorenzo power plant is expected to be up and running next month.

These power plants are using natural gas from the Camago-Malampaya gas-to-power project, which is contracted to support a total generating capacity of up to 3,000 mw.

"We cannot just change the provision of the contract," Quilala said. "We have yet to agree on changes (in the contract) that Meralco is asking for."

The two firms have been negotiating for possible revisions in their supply agreement.

The two parties have been holding discussions on possible revisions in their power supply deal in view of the operation of the two gas-fired plants.

Meralco is also tapping the 440-mw coal-fired power plant of Quezon Power Corp. apart from the Sta. Rita and San Lorenzo facilities.

Meralco serves about 3.7 million customers. ***Ronnel W. Domingo***

Business wants gov't to subsidize farmers

CONTRARY to World Trade Organization (WTO) rules requiring the substantial reduction of farm subsidies, the business community is one in asking the Philippine government to directly subsidize farmers and to finance this with the money from import duties collected on imported farm products.

The Philippine government, until today, extends minimal subsidy to its farm sector in the form of support price for palay, which reaches less than 5 percent of the country's three million rice farmers.

This was one of the recommendations made at the conclusion of a two-day conference held recently to formulate a unified negotiating stand for the next round of WTO rule-making session.

Participants to the conference want to invoke the green box exemption rule of the WTO to cover the increase in government support to the sector, where most of the poorest Filipinos belong. ***Philexport News and Features***

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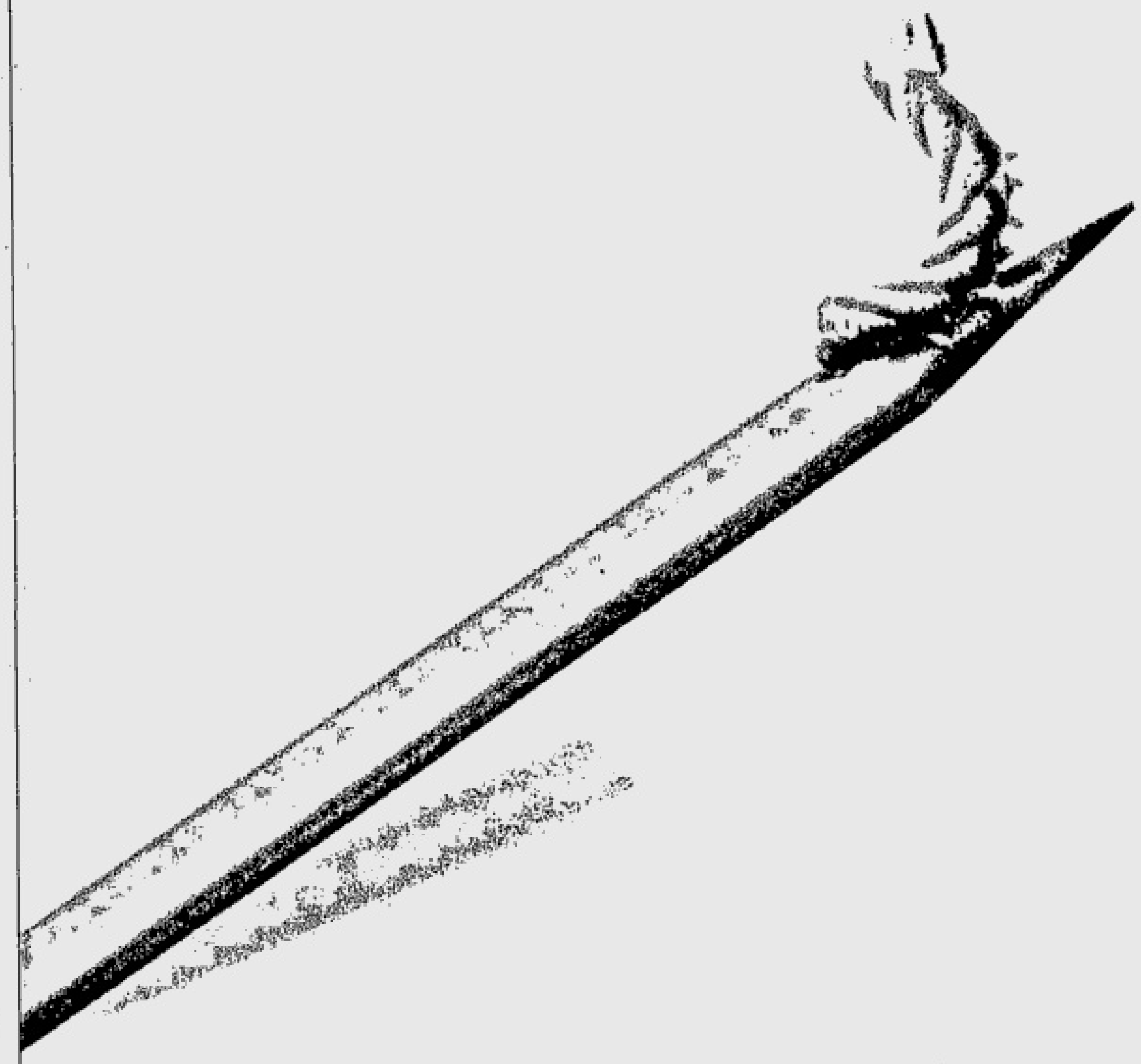

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On March 9, 2002, the stockholders of the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. (PSE) overwhelmingly voted for all five (5) broker candidates of the Coyiuto Group out of the ten (10) candidates. Two (2) of the four (4) Yuchengco Group candidates and one (1) independent candidate lost in the election. The prize of the election exercise was the chairmanship of the PSE Board. The contending groups were not after the majority of the fifteen (15) member board or the powerful presidency of the PSE. The Presidency and eight (8) non-broker directors were imposed upon the PSE Stockholders by the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) despite the PSE being a 100% private corporation.

Prior to the election, some of the non-brokers have intimated that the eight (8) non-broker candidates should be adopted as common candidates to spare them from any embarrassment in case of a loss in the election. The Coyiuto Group which had the numbers agreed, with the expectation that, as in the past elections, the eight (8) non-brokers will abstain out of delicadeza and not interfere in the selection of the contested chairmanship.

The media have expressed the view that the eight (8) non-brokers have the right to vote on the PSE chairmanship. Such view overlooked that the real issue is not whether the eight (8) non-brokers can vote but whether they should have voted instead of abstaining in light of the sovereign mandate of the PSE's stockholders given to the Coyiuto Group to have the chairmanship. The SRC has instituted in the PSE Board the president and seven (7) non-brokers to carry out the declaration of the state policy of protecting investors, insure full disclosure, eliminate insider trading and other fraudulent or manipulative devices and practices but not to interfere in the politics of the political leadership of the PSE. It is in carrying out this public policy that the non-brokers should be assertive of their right to vote. The non-broker directors being also board members of the PSE, their observance of corporate democracy should have been the most decent thing to do, that is, to have abstained. Hence, this open letter.

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March 11, 2002

Mr. Tomas Apacible
Fr. Joaquin Bernas, S.J.
Mr. Mario Camacho
Mr. Peter Favila
Mr. Monico Jacob
Mr. Ernest Leung
Mr. Eugenio Lopez III
Mr. Cayetano Paderanga, Jr.

Gentlemen:

It would be very easy for us to say that the rationale for this letter is to express our extreme disgust and disappointment over the decision of the non-broker directors in choosing Ms. Vivian Yuchengco as Chairman of the Philippine Stock Exchange last Saturday, March 9, 2002. But, believing that the non-broker directors are honorable and decent men, we invite them to review the following facts dispassionately:

1. The eight (8) non-broker candidates were adopted as common candidates of the Coyiuto and Yuchengco Groups to avoid going through the process of being voted for by the stockholders, in competition with other candidates in order to shield them from any embarrassment should they lose.

2. The Coyiuto Group, as a gesture of goodwill and to maintain harmony within the Exchange despite having the support of the majority of the stockholders, agreed to a common slate of non-broker candidates. The Coyiuto Group had the numbers. They could have fielded their own independent-minded candidates and these persons would have won handily as all the Group's broker-candidates did. In fact, as requested, the group withdrew the nomination of one of their candidates, the highly respected former SEC Chair, Rosario Lopez, who would have surely won had she not been prevailed upon not to run.

   By the same token, and in keeping with the ideals of full disclosure and transparency, the non-broker candidates should have made known to both the Coyiuto and Yuchengco Groups their preference and intent to exercise their right to vote freely in electing the Chairman. It would have been the most decent thing to do.

3. It was very ungentlemanly and contrary to the accepted norms of propriety that the President, Mr. Ernest Leung, who acted as Chairman of the meeting, and who was duty-bound under the PSE by-laws not to vote except in case of a tie, to openly declare that he can vote freely although there was no tie. Mr. Leung forgot that he was the President of the Philippine Stock Exchange and not of any Group of the PSE. He represents the Exchange and all the stockholders. Therefore, he should have abstained in the choice of Chairman. It would have been the most decent thing to do.

4. The stockholders having expressed their preference for the Coyiuto Group to lead the Exchange, it was incumbent upon the non-broker directors to respect that mandate. If the non-broker candidates wanted to disregard the mandate of the stockholders, they should have submitted themselves to being voted upon by the stockholders as required by the PSE by-Laws. It would have been the most decent thing to do.

5. As a testimonial to the stockholders' support, the Coyiuto Group won five (5) of the seven (7) broker candidate directorships. This is a clear and overwhelming indication not only of the stockholders' trust but approval of the leadership of the Coyiuto Group. In fact, Mr. Coyiuto, the Group's choice for Chairman, obtained 1.3 million votes more than Ms. Yuchengco. The non-broker directors thwarted the goodwill of the majority of the stockholders and disregarded the clear mandate given to the Coyiuto Group.

6. The non-broker directors, by their blatant disregard of the clear mandate given to the leadership of the Coyiuto Group will not foster harmony and unity among the members of the board and the stockholders of the Exchange.

In conclusion, we leave it up to the non-broker directors to take such action as may be warranted under the circumstances.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Robert Coyiuto, Jr.
Director

Eddie Gobing
Director

Federico Lim
Director

Harry Liu
Director

Edwin Luy
Director

Leung says he's still willing to step down

By Doris C. Dumlao

DESPITE the Securities and Exchange Commission upholding the legitimacy of his appointment, Philippine Stock Exchange president Ernest Leung said he was still willing to step down if it would settle the leadership row tearing the local bourse apart.

In an interview on Friday, Leung, who had been in public service for 36 years before he was asked to lead the PSE, admitted he was still facing "a damn-if-you-do-damn-if-you-don't situation."

Leung told reporters that while his exit would leave a number of capital market reforms hanging, it might also settle a squabble within the PSE that was harming the local equities market.

He said when he agreed to serve the remainder of the term of his equally controversial predecessor, stockbroker Ramon Garcia, he believed in the significant role of the securities market in moving the domestic economy forward.

Leung, who has steered the Department of Finance, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. and Development Bank of the Philippines, assumed his post as PSE president in January. He has signed up with the previous board a fresh two-year management contract starting March this year.

"Nothing is in black and white," Leung replied when asked whether he still considered stepping down despite the favorable SEC ruling, "That is never out of consideration."

Garcia, who was disqualified from running in the PSE elections as a non-broker representative, has himself joined calls for Leung and newly installed PSE chair Vivian Yuchengco to step down to "dispel animosity" within the stock exchange.

Leung disclosed that the eight non-brokers in the 15-member PSE board were preparing a response to a petition sent by the five broker-directors under the camp of stockbroker Robert Coyiuto.

Although he got more board seats under his ticket, Coyiuto lost to Yuchengco in the race for PSE chair. Yuchengco won over Coyiuto with an 8-7 vote mostly with the help of the non-brokers, who were representing the private sector, sitting on the board.

Leung said the non-brokers were "seriously considering" the issues raised by Coyiuto's camp.

In a March 11 letter addressed to their non-broker counterparts, five broker-directors under Coyiuto's ticket appealed for a review of Yuchengco's election.

"The Coyiuto group, as a gesture of goodwill and to maintain harmony within the exchange despite having the support of the majority of the stockholders, agreed to a common slate of non-broker candidates. They could have fielded their own independent-minded candidates, and these persons would have won handily as all the group's broker-candidates did," they said in their letter.

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Opec keeps taps closed despite global fears

VIENNA—Opec oil ministers decided Friday against raising output levels before the end of June, despite warnings that an oil price rally could jeopardize a tentative global economic recovery.

Energy chiefs of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries rubber-stamped the agreement at a formal meeting and agreed to meet again on June 26 to review the situation.

Opec president Rilwanu Lukman said the 11-member oil producer group had to keep its options open. "By the time June comes, we will see what the market is calling for," he said.

"If the market is calling for more (oil), we will supply it," he told reporters after the meeting.

Leading producers such as Saudi Arabia and Iran—the two largest Opec producers—said they would pump more oil in the third quarter if needed.

But other Opec members played down the prospect of such a move, attributing the recent upswing in oil prices to saber-rattling between the United States and Iraq rather than a recovery in demand for crude.

"I don't think so, particularly because the demand is very modest and the growth is very modest," Opec secretary general Ali Rodriguez told reporters when asked whether Opec might start pumping more oil in June.

Saudi Arabian oil minister and Opec kingpin Ali al-Nuaimi, however, said that if the demand was there, Opec would match it.

"If the need is there, yes," he said, when asked whether production might be hiked in the third quarter.

Opec producers have slashed output quotas by about 20 percent since January 2001 to stem a slide in crude prices triggered by a global economic slowdown, which was aggravated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

The 11-member Opec grouping is reluctant to raise output again too soon for fear of swamping world markets with crude and reversing a strong recent recovery in crude prices.

Oil prices rose again on Friday. A barrel of benchmark Brent North Sea crude oil for April delivery climbed to $24.47 a barrel in London from $24.06 on Thursday evening—the highest closing price since Sept. 11.

Comments from Russia, the largest non-Opec producer, that it was "technically prepared" to extend its oil export cuts until the end of the second quarter also helped buttress prices.

"Russia is technically prepared," Russian deputy oil minister Oleg Gordeev said through an interpreter. "The final decision will be taken next week," he added.

Russia is not a member of Opec. But its agreement to curb export by 150,000 barrels per day (bpd) from the start of the year was seen as crucial in sealing a producer pact to skim almost 2 million bpd of oil from world markets, of which Opec's share was 1.5 million bpd.

Al-Nuaimi said he was "100 percent" confident that Russia would extend its own export cut for the second quarter.

But some analysts are warning that by reaping the rewards of a rising oil price now, Opec could also slam the brakes on a tentative global economic recovery. *AFP*

Use of ODA funds seen to improve

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE GOVERNMENT'S use of official development assistance (ODA) is expected to improve this year with the higher government allocation for counterpart funds.

The government has increased to P41 billion the budget for foreign-assisted projects in 2002 compared with P29 billion in 2001, Economic Planning Secretary Dante B. Canlas said in a briefing with the international donor community on improving public investments and ODA performance last week.

According to Canlas, ODA performance is expected to improve this year based on the projections that the economy will grow at a faster pace.

In 2001, ODA disbursement reached $1.05 billion or a 5.3-percent increase compared with $994.9 million in 2000.

When the Macapagal administration assumed office in January 2001, Canlas said that ODA performance had fallen to disappointing levels.

"ODA disbursement fell below $1 billion, which had not been the case for a long time," Canlas said.

He noted that disbursement levels in 1999 and 2000 declined to $840 million and $995 million compared with $1.1 billion in 1998.

"The challenge was to arrest the further decline and turn around the performance of ODA-funded projects," Canlas said.

He explained that the government implemented a variety of measures to address the problems. These included the President's issuance of Administrative Order (AO) No. 7 transferring the contract review function from the Office of the President to the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda), and mandating a maximum duration for the review process; and EO 40 which simplifies prequalification, strengthens post-qualifications, standardizes the bidding process, and promotes electronic procurement and making it more transparent.

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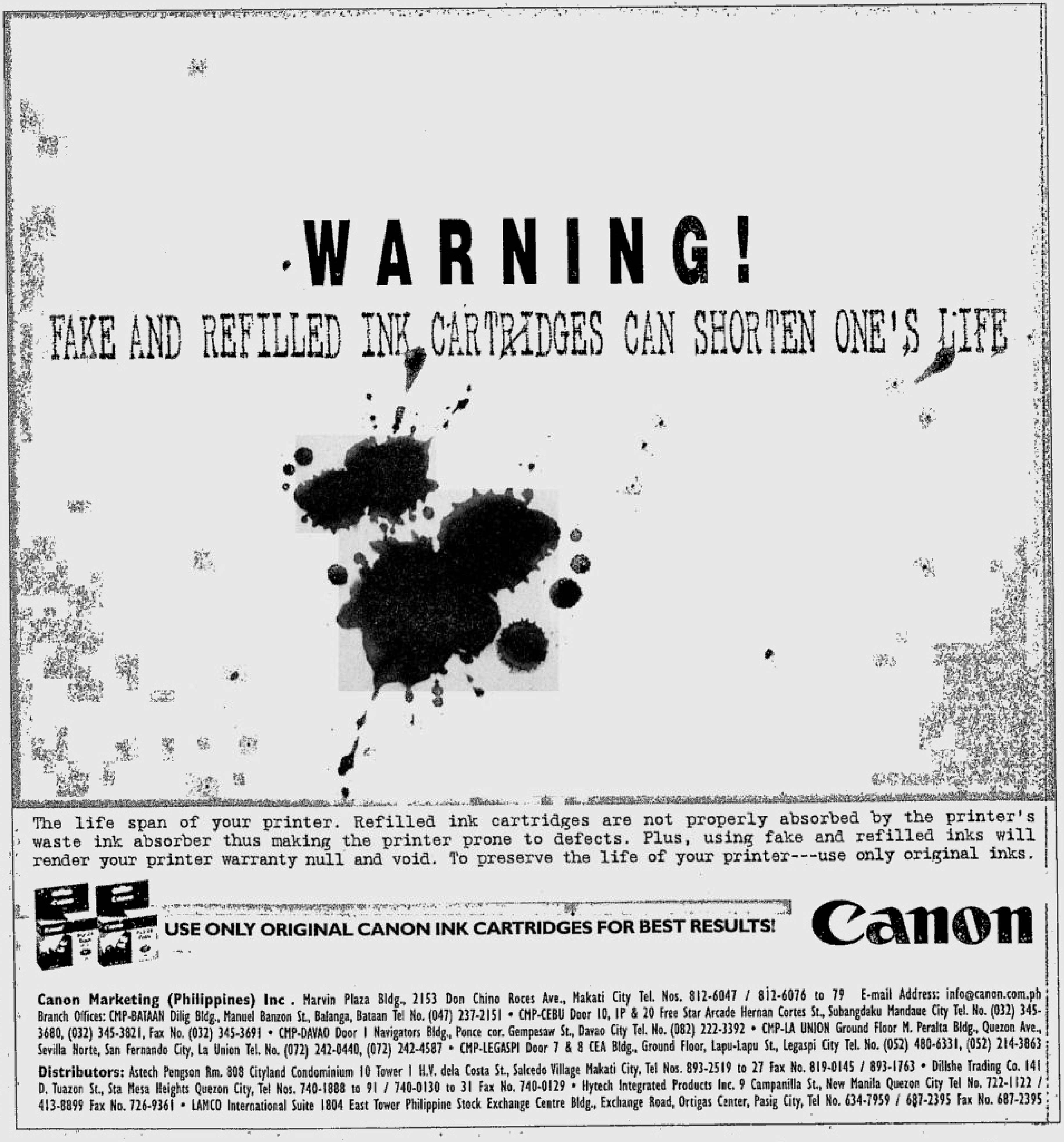
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Bull, bear and panda markets

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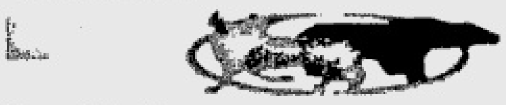

Ron Nathan

I WANT to write today about what causes recurring bull and bear markets and how investors react to them. In my 50 years experience, I have lived through 10 cycles and although the length and magnitude of each cycle varies, investors all over the world behave in exactly the same way, regardless of nationality. In fact, if there is a stock exchange on Mars, I am willing to bet the Martians also react in the sane manner. It is all a question of investor psychology, the desire to make easy money (greed) and the flow of losing (fear).

Prior to the second industrial revolution, the introduction of computers into business starting in 1990, a detailed analysis of the preceding 50 years shows that, on average, bull markets last 27 months and bear markets 18 months. If you add these together, you will find that this approximates to four years. This is not a coincidence because in the United States and the United Kingdom, elections are held every four years. Regrettably, politics and economics are inextricably entwined and about three to six months before the election, the government in power produces a budget which benefits low income workers, widows, children's allowances and pensions. All this in the hope of getting extra votes.

After the election, the government in power takes it all back again by increasing taxation on gasoline, alcohol, cigarettes and sometimes corporation tax or capital gains tax. At least, that is what happens in my country. Because successive governments stimulate the economy and then slow it down, the economic cycles prior to 1990, tended to coincide with election years. But, of course, this is only one of many factors such as imports, exports, the strength of the currency and the prosperity of the surrounding countries, particularly the United States, Japan and Europe.

The stock market always anticipates the business cycle by at least six months but the vast majority of market players, known as the crowd, are not aware of this and tend to follow the recommendations of leading investment house analysts. In the United States, these analysts earn big money, $3 million a year, with the top analysts making $15 million. One of them courageously appeared on BBC about six months ago and admitted that he simply did as he was told, and consistently recommended Internet stocks that he knew were in trouble. Many of these stocks went bankrupt and the survivors are down about 90 percent from their peak.

The recent Enron scam is yet another example of the public being told to buy the stock while insiders were selling. A Senate inquiry was held but nothing has yet come of it. Here, we have the BW debacle which, after three years, has still gone unpunished. Yet the public remains gullible and continues to trade on rumors rather than invest scientifically by studying technical analysis. I got all my clients out of the market two days before it fell 72 points and is now down over 100 points. They are still 100-percent liquid.

Let us start by analysing public sentiment at the beginning of an upturn. Companies are reluctant to make bullish forecasts so early on and the crowd is not interested in the market, particularly as they are still nursing losses from the previous cycle. As the upturn continues, the companies become more confident and start to expand. They take on extra staff, buy new luxury cars for the directors, allow virtually unlimited expense accounts for their executives and hold conferences in five-star hotels in the Caribbean, golf included. By now, the word is getting around and the crowd starts to buy.

Eventually, with orders pouring in, the company repaints the directors offices, buy Van Gogh's, builds new factories and borrows heavily from the bank. Record profits are expected and perhaps a stock dividend. The crowd goes wild and pushes the stock to new heights in heavy volume. Suddenly, in the midst of all this euphoria, orders slow down and competitors start cutting prices to improve their share of the market. Worse still, a competitor has just produced a superior product, a hand-held computer which makes coffee and adjusts the temperature of your bath water.

The directors exercise their stock options and sell shares. So do their relatives, friends and possibly the accounting firm. The share price falls but the crowd has the bit between its teeth and keeps on buying. Euphoria rules the day but the share price does not reach its previous high. As the price falls, the crowd snaps up what it perceives to be stock at bargain prices. Eventually, the company starts warning that profits may not match the previous forecast, analysts turn cautious and the crowd begins to wonder. They cannot sell because that means taking a loss so they average down instead. (Bring back the death penalty).

Ultimately, the company announces lower profits, starts laying off workers, cuts back on expense accounts and holds its meetings in the car park. Despite this cost cutting, it has still increased its indebtedness to the bank and the analysts who recommended the stock at a much higher price, now decide to downgrade it. Suddenly the crowd wants to sell but there are no buyers. At the end, when the company is finally coming to grips with its problems, there is a panda market (pandamonium reigns) and there is a frantic rush to sell at the bottom. This is known as a selling climax and is marked by heavy volume. Euphoria has turned into manic depression.

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Manila Southwoods "B"	680,000	700,000
Metropolitan Club "B"	-	150,000
Montemar (Individual)	-	30,000
ML Malarayat	-	Please Call
Orchard Golf Club "A"	200,000	250,000
Orchard Golf Club "B"	250,000	300,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	310,000	350,000
Philippine Columbian	-	85,000
Pueblo de Oro "A"/"B"/"C"	-	Please Call
Puerto Azul	-	125,000
Quezon City Sports Club	200,000	230,000
Riviera Golf & Country Club "A"	-	Please Call
Rockwell	Please Call	550,000
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	150,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,700,000	1,900,000
Sta. Elena "B"	2,000,000	Please Call
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)	-	330,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	-	190,000
Tagaytay Country Club	390,000	420,000
Tagaytay Highlands	850,000	Please Call
Tagaytay Midlands	780,000	-
The Country Club	Please Call	Please Call
Valle Verde (Individual)	150,000	160,000
Valley Golf	230,000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	7,000,000	7,500,000

PLAYING RIGHTS (Available Lessors)

Alabang "A"	25,000	Mimosa Golf	25,000
Calatagan "A"	10,000	Orchard "A"	30,000
Canlubang	60,000	Riviera "A"	15,000
Eagleridge	15,000	Sta. Elena	60,000
Eastridge "A"	20,000	Tagaytay CC	20,000
Forest Hills	30,000	Tagaytay Golf	45,000
Manila Southwoods	20,000	Tagaytay Mid.	35,000
Makati Sports "A"	25,000	Valley Golf	20,000
Manila Golf	300,000	Wack-Wack	90,000

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CANLUBANG GC	865,000	ALABANG "B"	1,700,000
CELEBRITY CLUB	200,000	BAGUIO CC	Call now
LUISITA GC "A"	400,000	CAMP JOHN HAY	250,000
MAKATI SPORTS "A"	250,000	CAPITOL HILLS	115,000
MANILA POLO CLUB	2,700,000	EAGLE RIDGE "A"	300,000
MLA SOUTHWOODS "A"/"B"	70M/ 80M	MANILA POLO	2,500,000
PUERTO AZUL "A"	135,000	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	Call now
PUNTA FUEGO	Call now	MOUNT MALARAYAT "A"	350,000
ORCHARD "A"/"B"	25M/ 35M	ROCKWELL CLUB (CORP)	Call now
RIVIERA GCC "A"	Call now	STA ELENA "A"	1,700,000
SPLENDIDO	925,000	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	820,000
SUBIC BAY YACHT (INDIV)	200,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	730,000
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AVAILABLE LESSORS FOR PLAYING RIGHTS

ALABANG CC "A"	25,000	THE COUNTRY CLUB	Call now
CANLUBANG GC	55,000	STA ELENA "A"	65,000
CC AT TAGAYTAY	20,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	35,000
MANILA GOLF	[illegible]	WACK WACK	[illegible]

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2.	CANLUBANG GOLF CLUB	750,000.00	550,000.00
3.	CAMP JOHN HAY	280,000.00	-
4.	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF CLUB	125,000.00	-
5.	CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	180,000.00	-
6.	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY	-	400,000.00
7.	CLUB FILIPINO	220,000.00	-
8.	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB	200,000.00	-
9.	EVERCREST GOLF CLUB "B"	-	120,000.00
10.	FONTANA "D"	100,000.00	-
11.	FONTANA "C"	110,000.00	-
12.	FOREST HILLS GOLF CLUB "A"	210,000.00	-
13.	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	300,000.00	250,000.00
14.	MANILA POLO CLUB	-	2,600,000.00
15.	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	650,000.00	-
16.	MIMOSA	150,000.00	130,000.00
17.	MT. MALARAYAT "B"	400,000.00	-
18.	MONTEMAR BEACH CLUB	30,000.00	-
19.	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "C"	550,000.00	-
20.	PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB "A"	110,000.00	-
21.	PHILIPPINE COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION	80,000.00	-
22.	ROYALE TAGAYTAY	80,000.00	-
23.	ROCKWELL	560,000.00	-
24.	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "A"	200,000.00	-
25.	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "B"	-	250,000.00
26.	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	1,900,000.00	1,750,000.00
27.	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "B"	-	2,000,000.00
28.	SHERWOOD HILLS "C"	-	200,000.00
29.	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS INT'L. GOLF CLUB	-	900,000.00
30.	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS GOLF CLUB	-	750,000.00
31.	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB (Ind.)	-	150,000.00
32.	VALLEY GOLF CLUB	-	230,000.00
33.	VERDEMAR GOLF CLUB, INC. (CEBU)	Please call	-
34.	WACK WACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	7,200,000.00	6,800,000.00
35.	THE COUNTRY CLUB	4,000,000.00	-
36.	OTHERS	Please call	-

PLAYING RIGHTS ALSO AVAILABLE

ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB	P 30,000.00	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB	60,000.00
CALATAGAN GOLF CLUB	free rental	TAGAYTAY GOLF CLUB	40,000.00
COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY	30,000.00	VALLEY GOLF CLUB	15,000.00
MAKATI SPORTS CLUB	20,000.00	WACK WACK GOLF CLUB	80,000.00
MANILA SOUTHWOODS	30,000.00	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB	20,000.00
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CLUB	BUYING	SELLING
Alabang Country Club "A" (FILIPINO)	1.6M	1.750M
Alabang Country Club "B" (FOREIGNER)	-	2.0M
Baguio Country Club	700,000	800,000
Calatagan Golf Club "A"	70,000	85,000
Camp John Hay	200,000	280,000
Canlubang	-	650,000
Canyonwoods	-	300T (primary share)
Capitol Hills	115,000	130,000
Cebu Country Club	-	2.5M (founder share)
Celebrity Sports Club	150,000	-
Eagle Ridge "A/B/C"	-	400/550/700
Eastridge "A"	130,000	175,000
Evercrest "A"	-	100,000
Evercrest "B"	120,000	200,000
Forest Hills "A"	200,000	-
Forest Hills "C"	-	230,000
Manila Golf (CORPORATE)	-	14M
Manila Golf (INDIVIDUAL)	10.5M	12.5M
Manila Polo	2.7M	-
Manila Southwoods "A"	600,000	-
Manila Southwoods "B"	-	750,000
Mimosa	150(ind.)	200/250/275
Montemar (INDIVIDUAL)	-	40,000
Mt. Malarayat (CORPORATION)	-	550,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	200,000	230,000
Orchard Golf Club "B"	-	300,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	-	350,000
Philippine Columbian	-	65,000
Pueblo de Oro "A/B/C"	-	Pls Call
Puerto Azul	-	130,000
Quezon City Sports Club	-	Pls Call
Riviera Golf & Country Club "A"	-	185,000
Rockwell	-	Pls. Call
Sherwoods Hills A	60,000	100,000
Splendido	-	600,000
Sta. Elena "A"	-	1.8M
Sta. Elena "B"	-	2.2M
Subic Bay Yacht (INDIVIDUAL)	-	150,000
Summit Point	-	500 (all in)
Tagaytay Country Club	-	400,000
Tagaytay Highlands	-	500,000
Tagaytay Midlands	720,000	800,000
The Country Club	-	4.5M
Valle Verde (INDIVIDUAL)	-	175,000
Valley Golf	210,000	250,000
Wack-Wack Golf Club	6.5M	7.2M

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Alabang A/B	1.7M/1.7M	Alta Vista B	320,000
Camp John Hay Golf	280,000	Baguio Country Club	725,000
Canyon Woods/Club Filipino	200,000	Calatagan A/B	80,000
Eagle Ridge A&B	300/400/550	Camp John Hay Golf	260,000
Fontana A/B/C/D	Please call/80,000	Canlubang Golf	550,000
Forest Hills "A"	220/300/250	Capitol Hills	125,000
Manila Golf (Indiv.)/Corp.	10.2M/10.950M	Forest Hills "A"	210/260/250
Manila Polo	2.680M	Manila Golf (Indiv.)/Corp.	10M/10M
Manila Southwoods A/B	640/700,000	Manila Polo	2.680M
Mimosa Indiv. & Corp.	Please call	Manila Southwoods A/B	630,000/700,000
Mt. Malarayat "B"/C	400/550,000	Makati Sports "A"	265,000
Orchard "A"/C	220,000/350,000	Metropolitan "A"/B	100,000
Riviera "A"/B	190,000/300,000	Mt. Malarayat "A"	360,000
Rockwell Club	450,000	Orchard A/B/C	220/250/300
Royale Tagaytay	80,000	Puerto Azul	110,000
Sta. Elena A	1.745M	Quezon City Sports	200,000
Subic Yacht (Indv.)/Corp	Please call	Riviera "A"/B	190/250
Sherwood A/B	150/200	Rockwell Club	420,000
Tagaytay H'lands Club/Golf	420/690	Sta. Elena A/B	1.745M/2M
Valle Verde	170,000	Sherwood A	120,000
Valley Golf	250,000	Tagaytay H'land Club/Golf	410/650
Wack Wack	7.1M	Tagaytay Midlands Golf	800,000
		Valle Verde	160,000
		Valley Golf	240,000
		Wack Wack	7M

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Alabang A/B 1.650M/1.7M

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(As of Friday, March 15, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	1,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	65.5	65.5	65	65.5	280,700
China Banking Corp.	590	590	590	590	2,460
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	33	34.5	33	34	595,600
First E-Bank Corp.	2.4	2.44	2.4	2.44	30,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	44	44	43.5	43.5	7,200
Philippine National Bank	61	61	61	61	700
Union Bank of the Phil.	20.25	20.5	20.25	20.5	35,300
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	100,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1380	1385	1380	1380	2,370
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1020	1030	1015	1025	20,700
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	3,200
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.7	0.72	0.7	0.71	2,950,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	780	795	780	795	41,210
Ipeople Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	20,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.06	0.065	0.06	0.065	14,600,000
Piltel	0.46	0.47	0.46	0.46	3,560,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	505	510	505	505	76,070
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.022	0.022	0.021	0.022	97,700,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	30.5	31.5	30.5	31.5	39,100
Manila Electric Co. B	44	45.5	44	45	1,306,900
Petron Corp.	1.74	1.82	1.74	1.82	3,783,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.48	2.55	2.44	2.5	5,367,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Cement Corp.	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	100,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.5	1.52	1.5	1.52	87,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11.75	12.5	11.75	12.25	726,300
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	23	23	23	23	42,000
RFM Corp.	1.48	1.56	1.48	1.54	2,015,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47	47.5	47	47.5	12,100
San Miguel Corp. B	61.5	62.5	61.5	62.5	38,700
Universal Robina Corp.	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	105,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.52	0.52	0.51	0.51	80,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.51	0.51,	0.51	0.51	10,000
Ayala Corp.	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	553,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.9	2	1.9	1.98	3,902,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.72	0.74	0.72	0.74	130,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	140,000
APC Group Inc.	0.11	0.125	0.11	0.125	17,960,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	23,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	200,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	15,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	30,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.76	0.79	0.76	0.78	7,940,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1,000,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.29	690,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	1,800,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	10,000
F&J Prince Holdings Corp.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	10,000
First Phil. Hldgs. Corp.	30	32	30	32	116,400
Global Equities Inc.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	2,000,000
Ionics Inc.	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	20,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.84	1.86	1.84	1.86	861,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	1,560,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	500,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.55	0.55	720,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	1,050,000
Music Corp.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.3	630,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.37	1,160,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	500,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	600,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Cen Azucar De La Carlota	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	10,000
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	5,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	400,000
Pryce Corp.	0.1	0.105	0.1	0.1	1,700,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	14.25	14.5	14.25	14.5	56,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.49	0.49	0.48	0.49	3,090,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	140,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.44	0.45	0.44	0.45	250,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	196,400
DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref.	775	790	775	790	1,190
Equitable PCI Bank-War	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	37,000
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	775	775	775	775	20
PLDT (10% Pref) Series P	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	4,300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.0055	0.006	0.0055	0.0055	51,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.4	6.6	6.3	6.5	1,590,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	110,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.27	0.29	0.27	0.29	820,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.47	0.49	0.47	0.48	270,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	4,070,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.04	2.14	2.04	2.1	4,820,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	1,450,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	54,000
SM Development Corp.	0.99	1	0.99	1	190,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.5	2,948,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	800,000
MINING					
Atlas Cons. Min. & Dev't.	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	10,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041	13,400,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	100,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	890,000
Omico Corp.	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	10,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't, Corp.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	20,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	10,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	3,000,000
Interport Res. B	0.004	0.0044	0.004	0.0044	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	17,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	2,000,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	14,200,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	500,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,078,030	65,702,650.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	256,671,490	214,225,235.00
PRO	17,122,000	41,895,020.00
Mining	25,430,000	850,900.00
OIL	39,700,000	363,400.00
GRAND TOTALS:	340,001,520	323,037,205.00

AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	560.95	UP 0.54
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,892.44	UP 18.74
PRO	592.44	UP 12.73
Mining	1,313.89	DOWN 3.16
OIL	1.76	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	748.60	UP 5.34
Composite	1,379.61	UP 13.48

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CURRENCIES

March 15, 2002

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.132375	1.000000	50.9220
Japan	Yen	0.008769	0.007744	0.3943
United Kingdom	Pound	1.609444	1.421300	72.3754
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.145187	0.128215	6.5290
Switzerland	Franc	0.684338	0.604339	30.7742
Canada	Dollar	0.712096	0.628852	32.0224
Singapore	Dollar	0.621978	0.549269	27.9699
Australia	Dollar	0.591936	0.522739	26.6189
Bahrain	Dinar	3.003806	2.652661	135.0788
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.301967	0.266667	13.5792
Brunei	Dollar	0.619122	0.546747	27.8415
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000113	0.000100	0.0051
Thailand	Baht	0.026219	0.023154	1.1790
UAE	Dirham	0.308322	0.272279	13.8650
Korea	Won	0.000864	0.000763	0.0389
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.883100	44.9692
Brazil	Real	0.481862	0.425532	21.6689
Denmark	Kroner	0.134599	0.118864	6.0528
India	Rupee	0.023267	0.020547	1.0463
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.297993	0.263158	13.4005
Mexico	New Peso	0.124286	0.109757	5.5890
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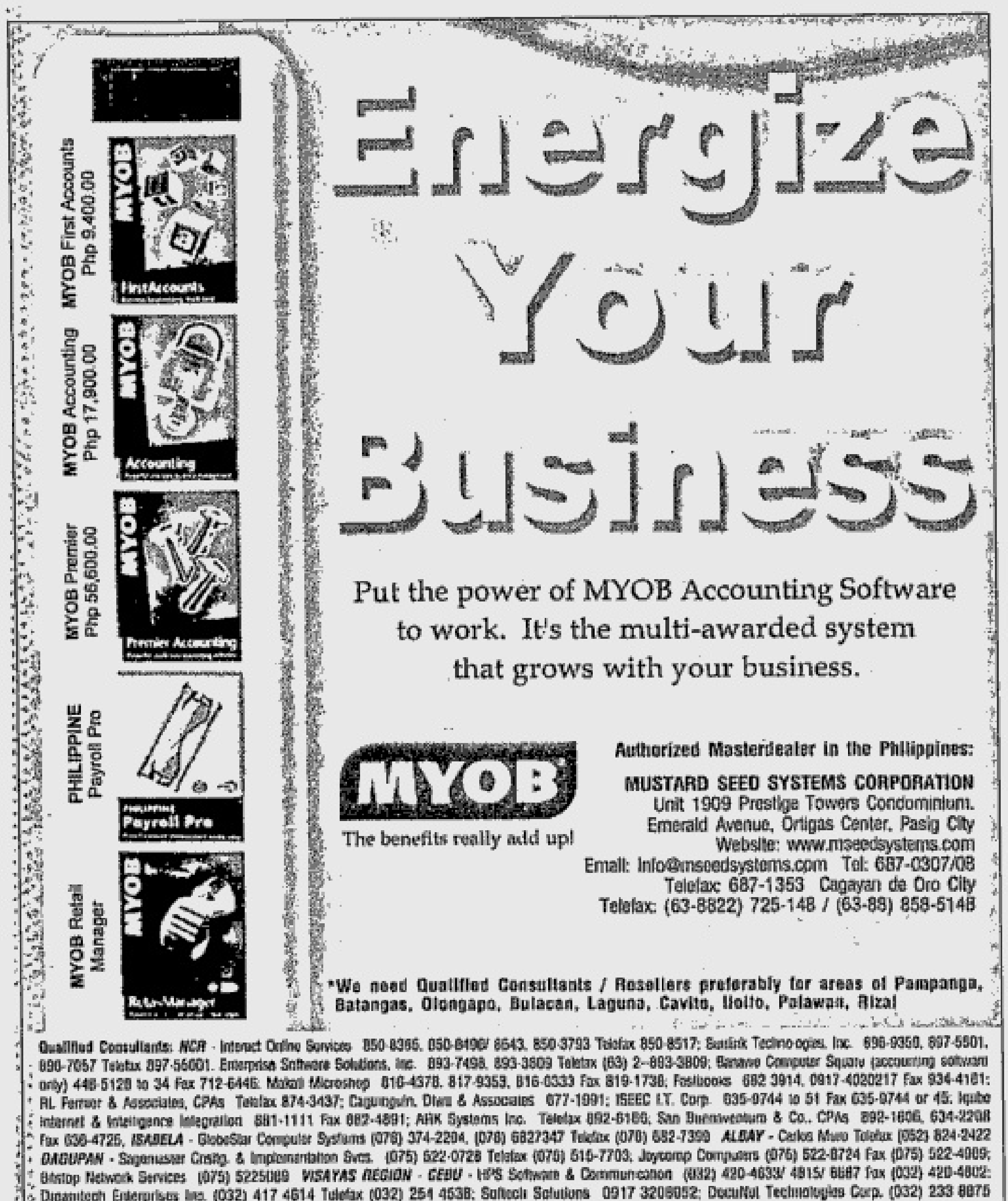

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PLDT, Globe foreign bond flotation gets BSP nod

By Clarissa S. Batino

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. and Globe Telecom Inc. are set to issue about $500 million and $300 million each of long-term bonds to pay maturing loans and finance new projects.

The policy-making Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has approved the application of both companies to raise funds overseas, most likely from the long-term global bond market.

A source said both were looking at the seven-year bond market similar to the window the national government had tapped recently to raise $1 billion for itself and state-owned National Power Corp.

The bond float, according to the source, should happen very soon, possibly even before the end of the first quarter. The size of the borrowing, the source added, may even be bigger, specially for PLDT as it needs sufficient funds to pay its maturing debts.

The two telecom giants are expected to take advantage of declining spreads for Philippine borrowings as reflected by the recent borrowings of the national government.

The BSP found the new external borrowings to be favorable to the country's debt profile because it would be considered long-term and would help ease the debt problem in the near term.

However, the new borrowings of the two telecom giants would crowd out the seven-year market for other prospective local borrowers.

So far, only JG Summit and Filinvest Land Inc. were the local companies that have raised foreign funds from the debt market this year.

The fresh borrowing of PLDT and Globe, the source said, should be a good sign that local companies were already preparing to expand or, at least, they were starting to have better access to external financing compared to last year.

PLDT was supposed to issue $250 million worth of bonds during the third quarter last year but adverse market conditions made the borrowing very expensive for the telecom firm, which chose to cancel the deal.

The foreign borrowings would help boost the country's dollar reserves even for a brief period. As of end-February, the gross international reserves stood at $16.2 billion and this could reach more than $17 billion by the end of this month.

Any borrower, whether government or private, needs to secure the approval of the Monetary Board to ensure that the exercise would not conflict with any of its policies.

Sluggish

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2tradeasia.com said the descent of the main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index to as low as 1,360 last week had opened opportunities for players who were willing to take a long-term view of economic recovery.

The Phisix shed 53 points or 3.67 percent last week to close at 1,379.61, led by the decline in the property index.

"The potential returns provided in equities trading remains promising, vis-à-vis present yields in fixed income instruments," it said.

"Second, we believe there's an extremely narrow window for markets to go back to all-time lows, as domestic, politically associated risks have declined considerably. The only variable left thus far, is for momentum indicators, such as value turnover, to improve, which might occur after the Lenten break," it said.

2tradeasia.com said the extended monotonous tone that continued to grip the local bourse could be triggered by two factors:

- Large fund managers might prefer to stay liquid ahead of the long Lenten break, and
- The global markets are trying to gauge US Federal Reserve Chief Alan Greenspan's next action on the widely followed US Federal reserve rate, as bottoming out of interest rates could warrant potential reversals later this year.

But 2tradeasia.com noted that the sharp slowdown in domestic interest rates was positive as it gave more breathing space for many listed large-cap firms to retire most, if not all, of their dollar-denominated debt and refinance other high-cost loans.

AB Capital Securities analyst Jose Vistan said trading would likely be flat this week amid light trading volume ahead of the long holidays. He projected that the Phisix would trade within a range of 1,340 to 1,400.

Among the indicators to watch out this week, he said, would be the scheduled report on the country's import data for January as well as the investors' briefing by Meralco.

Although the Phisix broke the 1,390 major support last week, he said it was left with enough strength to form a bullish pattern on Friday.

"We are encouraged by the fact that some investors, although they are now showing cautiousness, have been confident enough to hold on to some of their stocks rather than take profits on concerns about the sustainability of the market's positive tone," Vistan said.

"However, the technical rally does not confirm a reversal from the short-term downtrend as it has been on thin volume. A downward bias is more likely to continue as traders normally lighten up their holdings prior to a long holiday in order to avoid any unexpected bad news while the markets are closed," he said. ***Doris C. Dumlao***

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Tariff woes seen hindering plastics sector dev't

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SINGAPORE—Appraising the wide array of latest technological advances introduced at the international plastics trade fair AseanPlas 2002, Alex Teng could not help but yearn to adopt these in the Philippines.

But Teng, vice president of the Philippine Plastic Industry Association, said the acquisition of up-to-date machines and equipment was the least of the priorities of more than 500 Chinese-Filipinos who, like him, were in the downstream plastic processing business.

Survival is the essential question for now, he said.

Specifically, the industry's most crucial issue is how to correct the distortion on the tariffs of finished plastic products and polymers, which are raw materials used in the manufacture of plastics. While finished plastic products are charged only 5 percent tariff, the raw materials, the polymers, are slapped a 15-percent tariff, said Teng.

He said the 10-percentage-point difference puts Philippine plastic processors in a very disadvantageous position.

For an industry comprised of 70 percent small companies with a capital of less than P5 million, this means having an increasingly diminishing profit margin. This particularly holds true for makers of kitchenware, sacks, crates, films, packaging materials, furniture and every other plastic product commonly used in the country.

Operating in the last 50 years, the industry employs over half a million workers.

"Our industry is experiencing extreme difficulties because of this tariff distortion," Teng told the INQUIRER during the fair which did not attract even one exhibitor from the Philippines.

The PPIA sent an eight-person delegation to the yearly meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Federation of Plastic Industries (Afpi), which sponsored the AseanPlas 2002.

The 5-percent tariff on all products traded among Asean countries is in line with the common effective preferential tariff scheme under the Asean Free Trade Area subscribed to by Asean-member countries.

Teng said the rate distortion was the result of lobbying with the Philippine government by big resin makers and suppliers in the country such as JG Summit Petrochemical Corp. based in Batangas, Petrochemical Corp. of Asia Pacific and Bataan Polyethylene, both based in Bataan.

Although the problem had been beamed to Philippine officials, there was no clear solution to correct the distortion, Afta president Joseph Mancilla said.

He said the industry's only immediate hope would be the implementation of Afta's 5-percent tariff rate on practically all items, including resin, come January 2003.

"We are hoping that we will be able to hold on until the end of the year. (The Afta new tariff level) will help us correct the distortion, to be more competitive. At 5 percent, we will be able to survive," Mancilla said.

But the three big companies appeared determined to stop the new rate.

Teng said these firms, which he described as having "financial muscles and political influence," were lobbying with the government to extend the tariff protection of 15 percent up to 2010.

Efforts to stop the implementation of the Afta rate are worrying the industry's small players, he said.

"If that happens, it means that it will extend the distortion for another eight years. Definitely, our industry cannot survive another eight years with that problem," Teng said.

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THE FINANCIAL Executives Institute of the Philippines is holding a forum entitled "The Enron Episode; Some Philippine Responses" on March 20, 2002, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bel-Air and North Forbes Room, Hotel Intercontinental, Makati City.

The forum guest speakers are Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Lilia R. Bautista and Jose Cervantes, senior vice president of the Philippine Stock Exchange. Invited also are reactors from some of the country's biggest listed corporations and Boo Chanco, a columnist from The Philippine Star.

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AsPac to account for 60% of mobile gaming business, says Nokia exec

By Abigail L. Ho

THE ASIA-PACIFIC market is seen to generate 40 percent to 60 percent of the total mobile gaming services business in the coming months with income for industry stakeholders to hit $17 billion by 2006, executives of mobile handset giant Nokia said.

In Nokia's new handset line sneak peek in Melbourne, Australia, Nokia Mobile Phones Asia-Pacific director for digital services Mauro Montanaro said mobile gaming would take on new, more high technology forms in the next months.

Embedded games, or those already built into the handsets, are expected to continue growing in the next four years, but mobile network gaming is seen to become a trend.

Right now, mobile gaming is still confined to embedded games and those that are played via short messaging service (SMS) and wireless application protocol (WAP), Montanaro said.

He added that, in the coming months, downloadable Java games or longer-term online games would become quite common among mobile gaming enthusiasts.

However, in around two to three years, he said more graphic-intensive games as well as local Bluetooth gaming would become the norm.

"With Java, downloadable games will become important. With 3G (third generation), we see a growth of multi-platform games, (like in the personal computer and television). Games will become cross-media and played in different environments," he said.

Nokia Mobile Phones Asia-Pacific vice president for strategic marketing Nigel Rundstrom said these would all materialize if appropriate handsets would be rolled out.

"Technology on handsets will open floodgates. Execution is the name of the game. The next few months is really about execution and bringing things into the market," he added.

Nokia would launch later in the year five new handsets, all general packet radio service (GPRS)-enabled, capable of giving users a unique gaming experience.

These will have higher color resolution, richer sound and Java capabilities for game downloads. Although gaming would be taken to a new and higher level with these new handsets, Rundstrom said Nokia would never try to replicate the "PC experience" in gaming.

"We can solve difficulties that lie on battery life and display, but we're not trying to replicate the PC experience. The mobile gaming market is not the same as the PC gaming market," he explained.

Other handset manufacturers have also launched their GPRS-enabled handsets, all competitive with Nokia's new line. Rundstrom said the world's leading handset manufacturer welcomed the competition.

"We have the leading edge, but we're happy that others are putting Java in their handsets. The market is there, not just Nokia. We're trying to stimulate the whole market," he said.

Aside from mobile gaming, huge revenues are expected to be derived from mobile music services, especially with the onslaught of phones with polyphonic ring tones.

Leung . . .

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"In fact, as requested, the group withdrew the nomination of one of their candidates, the highly respected former SEC chair, Rosario Lopez, who would have surely won had she not been prevailed upon not to run," they added.

They maintained that the blatant disregard of the clear mandate given to the Coyiuto leadership would not foster harmony and unity among the members of the board and the stock exchange.

The four other candidates under the party of Coyiuto, who was chair of the PSE in 1994, were Eddie Gobing of Lucky Securities, Federico Lim of Belson Securities, Harry Liu of Summit Securities and Edwin Luy of Triton Securities.

Leung's qualification was likewise questioned in relation to a provision in the Securities Regulation Code that restricted the PSE presidency to people who had not been affiliated with any stockbrokerage over the last two years.

The SEC said it waived this in Leung's case because he became chair of DBP Daiwa Securities, concurrent with his previous post as DBP chair, until June last year only as a government representative and not as a beneficial owner of DBP shares.

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MWSS seen guaranteeing $350M in Maynilad loans

THE METROPOLITAN Waterworks and Sewerage System may soon acquiesce into entering into a lenders agreement to allow Maynilad Water Services Inc. to secure $350 million worth of loans, according to a person familiar with the situation.

This will mean that the MWSS and the government will pay these loans in the event that Maynilad fails to do so.

As a condition, however, the MWSS is insisting that the phrase "that are deemed beneficial to the Philippine government" be inserted in the lenders agreement.

A ranking MWSS official told the INQUIRER that the MWSS wanted to have its own bargaining weapon so that the government would not find itself in a disadvantageous position should it sign the so-called lenders clarificatory agreement.

"Part of the terms we are asking, in return, is that if Maynilad abandons the concession and payment of the $350-million loans, an early termination amount equivalent to the 75 percent of all its capital expenditures spent in the last three years will be given to the government. Second, the performance bond worth $200 million will also be confiscated," the MWSS official disclosed.

He said the MWSS and Maynilad had yet to reach an agreement on these terms.

MWSS Administrator Orlando Hondrade said in another interview that it was not written in the concession agreement that the government should guarantee loans acquired either by Maynilad or Manila Water Co. Inc.

Maynilad and Manila Water are the MWSS' concessionaires currently servicing the water needs in Metro Manila.

"What we could do for Maynilad is to help them secure the requirements for their creditors proving their financial viability as related to the water services they render in the west zone," Hondrade told the INQUIRER.

Christine A. Gaylican

BSP adopts neutral policy stand

By Clarissa S. Batino

AFTER last week's cut in its overnight rates, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has become "neutral" on its future policy rate decisions, cautious that a US recovery may push up rates in the United States and at home.

Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura said indications showed that the earliest that the US Federal Reserve would tighten interest rates would be in the second half of the year.

"There are no threats of an interest rate hike in the near future. If at all, it would be gradual and probably in the second half for the United States. This means we can also delay any need to raise interest rates locally," Buenaventura said.

The central bank's key rates are now down to their lowest in 10 years at 7 percent for overnight borrowing and 9.25 percent for overnight lending. The 91-day treasury bill rate is also down to an all-time low of 6.714 percent.

"We really have gone into neutral ground after the rate cut last Thursday. Now, the chances of us lowering further is probably less than the chances of us not doing anything," Buenaventura said.

While he considered it unlikely, the factors that may allow the Monetary Board to consider another cut in rates is if inflation will go down further, if oil prices stay where they are, and if the US Federal Reserve will cut its rates.

Still, Economic Planning Secretary Dante Canlas believed that the inflation rate for the year could average at 4.3 percent, although the National Economic and Development Authority would recommend a revision in the inflation target only to a range of 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent for the year.

The original inflation forecast was set at 5 to 6 percent.

Canlas said the interagency Development Budget and Coordination Council would evaluate Neda's recommendation in April.

"Based on the computations of Neda, inflation could average even 4.3 percent this year," he said.

Inflation fell to 3.4 percent in February, its lowest level in 23 months from 3.8 percent a month ago.

Buenaventura said the central bank would support the revision in the inflation forecast, adding the 4.5-percent to 5.5-percent average for the year was in line with the estimates of monetary authorities.

Canlas said apart from the inflation forecast, the DBCC may also look at revising its interest rate projection from 11 percent to 12 percent to a lower level given the huge decline in interest rates.

He said Neda would also recommend an adjustment in its export target from zero to a range of one percent to 1.5 percent.

But other targets, including the growth in gross domestic product of 4 to 4.5 percent would likely be preserved.

DENR to press commercial fishing ban despite protests

DESPITE running into opposition from a big commercial fishers group, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is pushing ahead with an administrative order seeking to bar commercial fishing in municipal fishing grounds.

DENR officials said they would implement Administrative Order 27, which the National Alliance of Commercial Fishers had opposed.

The order is also the subject of an ongoing inquiry being undertaken by the Department of Justice to reconcile the differing views of the DENR and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

According to the DENR, several cities and municipalities have asked that commercial fishing be barred in their waters.

Among the towns that are supporting the ban are Manila, Zamboanga City, Gubat in Sorsogon, San Isidro, Inopacan, Tanauan and Tomas Oppus in Leyte, and Sibunag and San Lorenzo in Guimaras.

The BFAR has supported the position of commercial fishers that AO 27 will adversely affect the livelihood of thousands of families who depend on commercial fishing.

The DENR, on the other hand, is trying to protect the country's aquatic resources from "over-fishing".

NACF president Alonso Tan claimed that the order would drive them away from the fishing grounds that they had been using.

He said AO 27 would endanger food security and eventually put pressure on the fish prices.

Business bucks law on labor

THREE of the country's biggest business organizations are opposing a proposed law being rushed by the House of Representatives that seeks to ban contractual employment and amend parts of the labor code that are seen as anti-business.

Four separate bills have been filed in Congress that are now the subject of public hearings before consolidation prior to their final passage.

Three of these bills (House Bills 1234, 1927 and 2241) seek to make a principal employer equally liable with a sub-contractor for unpaid wages and benefits, including separation pay, of the latter's workers.

Another bill (HB 280) reclassifies workers into only two types—regular and casual—effectively abolishing contractual employment. Casual workers are also given security of tenure. It also criminalizes violations to this by imposing jail terms of three to six years for violators in addition to cash fines.

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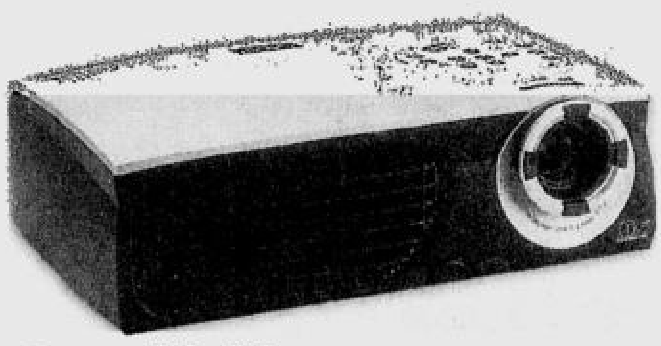

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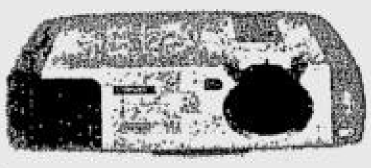

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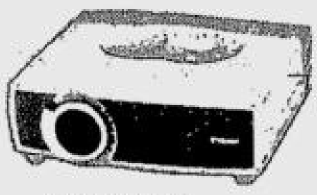

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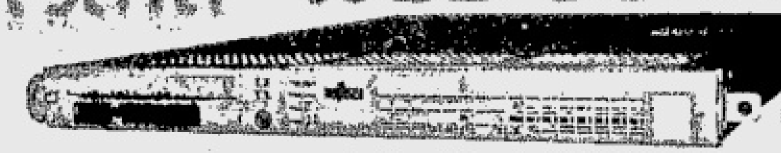

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Gov't reluctant to impose quota on cement imports

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE MACAPAGAL administration is reportedly not too keen on granting the cement makers' petition for quantitative restrictions on imported cement because it could lead to the spiraling prices of local cement.

A top-level government source said that regulators had expressed concern that fixing the number of cement shipments in the country in a year would inevitably lead to abuses by domestic producers desperate to recover the dollar investments they sunk into the country four years ago. Without strong competition from imports, the source said domestic cement manufacturers would have a free hand in jacking up prices.

The Tariff Commission is currently reviewing a petition by the Philippine Cement Manufacturers Corp. to impose a punitive duty of 50 percent and import quotas on cement imports.

Cement makers prefer to have import quotas on cement because they fear that a 50-percent duty was not enough to deter imports because traders would only undervalue their products.

Last year, the Department of Trade and Industry endorsed to the Tariff Commission Philcemcor's petition to seek government protection against surging imports under the Safeguards Law.

The DTI backed up Philcemcor's petition citing the sharp rise in imports, shrinking market share of local brands, drastic slowdown in production and the ballooning number of job cuts as justification to its position.

As the Tariff Commission decides on Philcemcor's petition—preliminary hearings started last Nov. 27—the DTI gave the industry temporary relief (effective for 200 days) in the form of a provisional duty worth P20.60 for every 40-kilogram bag on all cement imports.

Cement makers were not too happy with the duty because it represented just half of what Philcemcor has been lobbying for since March 2000 and that the duty was granted on condition that retail prices were kept at between P125 and P135 per bag, a substantial cut from the previous price of P145 per bag.

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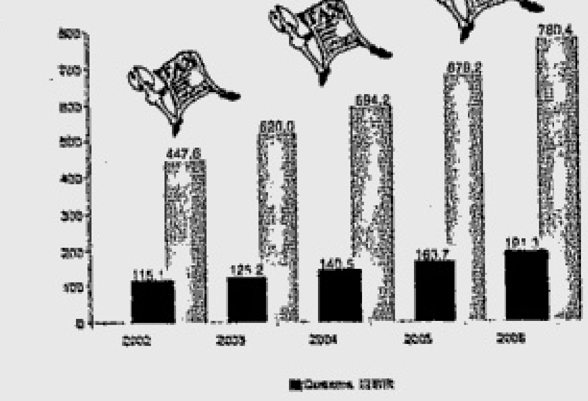

Source: National Economic & Development Authority's Medium Term Development Plan

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue's collections are expected to improve from 10.1 percent of gross national product in 2001 to 12.4 percent by 2006. For its part, the Bureau of Customs collections are projected to grow modestly from 2.7 percent of GNP in 2001 to 3 percent by 2006.

Maricar D. Toloza, PDI Research

Cement makers vow to help crack down on hoarding

THE LOCAL cement industry is working closely with the government and with consumers groups in cracking down on cement hoarding and price speculation, which may have triggered higher cement prices in certain areas, including some parts of Metro Manila.

Edcel Lagman, spokesperson of the Philippine Cement Manufacturers Corp. (Philcemcor), yesterday disclosed that the industry had received reports about isolated speculations, which had jacked up prices in some Metro Manila stores to P129 to P137 per bag, up from the average P125 retail price of the last three months.

"We know that these may just be isolated incidents, but we are not taking any chances," Lagman said.

To curb hoarding and price speculation, the cement companies will publish in several national newspapers their suggested retail prices in Metro Manila and other key areas immediately. Firms have also designated several "hotlines" where consumers can report overpricing.

Some companies have also brought back on-line certain operations to raise output and thwart hoarding.

Lagman appealed to the general public to immediately report incidents of hoarding and overpricing to local cement producers, which in turn will relay these complaints to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for immediate action.

"We will need the full cooperation of consumers to stop this illegal practice," he said.

"We don't know for certain why some outlets have started hoarding, but it is our fear that in the event that the Tariff Commission decides against the cement industry, some unscrupulous parties would want to stock up on their inventory at the current prices."

Investments seen to start coming back to RP in '03

FOREIGN direct investments will most likely start coming back to the Philippines next year after these abruptly scampered out of the country during the 1997-1998 Asian flu.

This was the forecast of the Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis Inc. (Idea) led by former Economic Planning Secretary Cayetano Paderanga Jr. in the wake of the steady decline in local and foreign investments in the past four years.

The return of investments will be triggered by the earlier-than-expected rebound of the United States economy in the second half of this year, Idea says in its online newsletter Economic Trends.

The US economy is seen to post a subdued growth of 1.2 percent in the first half of this year and move up to about 3.3 percent in the second semester. By next year, it is expected to accelerate at a more robust growth of 3.5 percent.

The rebound in the United States will translate to bigger foreign direct investments in the Philippines but only if the Macapagal administration decisively addresses its present security and political problems.

On top of these are the Abu Sayyaf conflict, kidnappings in different parts of the country including Metro Manila and the recurrent rumors on *coup d' etat*.

"If these bottlenecks were addressed, the Philippine economy runs the risk of losing investors, even if the United States and world economies fully recovered," Idea said.

Tracing back the history of foreign direct investments in the Philippines, the economic think-tank says that before the 1997 Asian crisis, the Philippines was a preferred haven for foreign investments in the Asian region. This was the direct result of the liberalization of several industries including telecommunications, banking, oil and insurance.

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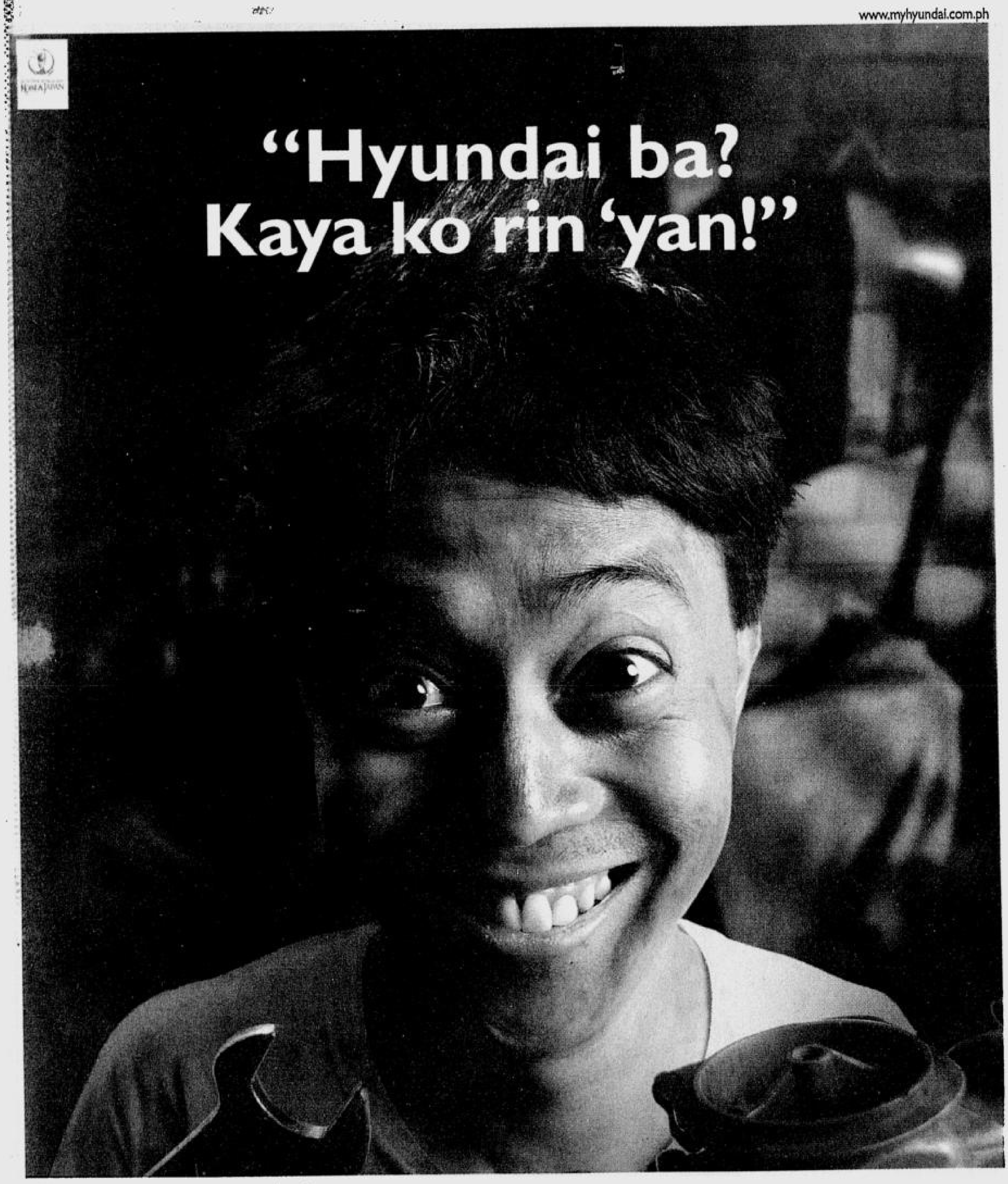
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US investment shows life, but execs still wary

WASHINGTON—When Federal Reserve Vice Chair Roger Ferguson sat down at a table full of manufacturing executives recently, he might not have been too encouraged by the wary business sentiment.

According to Tom Duesterberg, president of the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI of Arlington, Virginia, where the roundtable took place a few weeks ago, the consensus among the approximately two dozen executives there was that business had indeed improved from the downturn seen after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Still, worries about how strong it would be in the future still held sway, as few of the executives said they expected to invest in new equipment any time soon.

"It's trust, but verify," said Duesterberg, recalling former president Ronald Reagan's aphorism about the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

That, in a nutshell, is the dilemma the US central bank faces as it reassesses the economic outlook.

With the US economy apparently well on its way to recovering from the recession that started in March 2001, the business side of the economy remains tentative. Having an excess of capacity, firms are wary about adding any more or replacing older equipment with the latest and most advanced versions.

Already, business investment has declined for four straight quarters, the first time that has happened since the early 1990s. The long boom that began in 1991 was led, many economists say, by businesses' willingness to invest in new and better equipment that in turn made their workers more productive and boosted bottom lines.

A reluctance to invest could hurt productivity down the road and make it harder to raise living standards. Peter Fisher, Treasury's under secretary for Domestic Finance, said on Thursday that it was "crucial" that business investment spending rebound in the second half of the year.

Signs of life

"There are reasons to be optimistic," Fisher said in a speech to the Futures Industry Association in Boca Raton, Florida. "In recent months, shipments of non-defense capital goods have been increasing. Also, the passage of the stimulus bill that was just signed into law by President Bush will provide significant new incentives for corporate investment."

Another positive sign has been the recent uptick in business lending by banks. So-called commercial and industrial loans have rebounded in recent weeks, according to weekly data from the Federal Reserve.

However, on Friday the Fed, in its monthly reading on US industrial production, reported that output of business equipment declined 0.4 percent in February. That followed a meager 0.1-percent gain in January.

Reuters

EU says it's making headway in reforms, recovery

BARCELONA, Spain—European Union officials said Friday that economic recovery was at hand as they nudged gingerly ahead with reforms to make the region more prosperous.

"The deceleration hit bottom in the last two weeks of 2001, and the first indications and real indicators seem to show signs of recovery in the first two months of 2002," Spanish Economy Minister Rodrigo Rato said during a two-day summit in Barcelona.

Leaders want to close the productivity gap with the United States without ditching the safety nets that shield Europeans from the harsher aspects of no-holds-barred capitalism.

Financial investors say this hurts profits and has caused a hemorrhage of capital from the euro zone, undermining the common currency—something Italian leader Silvio Berlusconi said was the best argument for tackling obstacles to growth.

"This currency has to be supported. There is only one way to support it and that is by making the economy grow more," said the prime minister, who is also Italy's richest businessman.

One way EU leaders hope to shake things up is by freeing energy markets to allow businesses to shop around for the best bargains. Rato said that, barring a decision on the timetable and when the free market in power was extended to domestic users, the deal was as good as done.

France has been resisting giving up its state monopoly.

But French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin spelled out France's bottom-line on Friday—yes to gradual deregulation for business users but no way to doing the same for households.

Union opposition to change, they say, means privatization for Electricite de France and upcoming French presidential elections have turned energy liberalization into a litmus test for the European Union's ability to reform while governments face elections.

A compromise will be thrashed out overnight by Spain, the current holder of the EU's rotating presidency, and put to the leaders for their approval on Saturday.

Reuters

Data yield fresh signs US economy is rebounding

WASHINGTON—Fresh economic data on Friday showed the embattled US manufacturing sector pulling out of a deep slump and consumer sentiment on the upswing, reinforcing notions the economy is emerging from recession.

The Federal Reserve said US industrial output rose 0.4 percent in February, its strongest gain since mid-2000. With January figures revised upward, production posted its first back-to-back monthly gains since August and September of 2000.

Separately, the University of Michigan released a poll showing consumers were more upbeat in early March. The survey of consumer sentiment, released to subscribers and obtained by Reuters, rose to 95 from February's 90.7—the highest reading since December 2000.

A third report, from the Labor Department, showed tame wholesale price pressures.

With the manufacturing sector beginning to perk up and consumer sentiment bouncing higher, the economy's prospects appear brighter. Analysts track sentiment closely because two-thirds of economic activity is related to consumer spending.

"It's like a return to the late 1990s," said John Lonski, chief economist with Moody's Investors Services. With economic growth resuming while inflation remains low, Lonski said, "It's the best of both worlds."

Equity markets reacted positively with the Dow Jones industrial average ending the trading day slightly higher, rising by 0.86 percent. The tech-heavy Nasdaq average also posted a gain, rising by 0.76 percent.

The bounceback in manufacturing had been anticipated by economists but its strength in February was surprising. Analysts polled by Reuters expected a smaller 0.3-percent increase.

"Manufacturing has turned the corner. It did that at the beginning of the year," said Pete Kretzmer, senior economist with Banc of America Securities in New York.

The news was also hailed by Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, a Washington-based trade group.

Reuters

AOL prepares to dump Microsoft Explorer browser

SAN FRANCISCO—America Online Inc., the world's largest subscription Internet service, has confirmed its working toward using a Netscape Web browser software that could replace Microsoft's market-leading Explorer browser.

A browser is key software that allows users to view Web pages. Netscape had been the market-leading browser software, but slipped to a distant second after Microsoft launched a fierce challenge several years ago. That campaign fueled antitrust charges against Microsoft, which gave its Explorer software away for free and bundled it with their dominant Windows operating system.

AOL is testing Netscape software, called "Gecko," on its smaller Compuserve Internet service since late last year, and is just now running it on the AOL service, which services 34 million Internet users, the company claims.

"We are now testing Netscape's Gecko on CompuServe, and AOL is just now starting the same tests," said AOL spokesperson Jim Whitney. "We're very serious about this."

The move is not unexpected.

AOL sued Microsoft for antitrust charges relating to the Netscape-Explorer war in December. Last summer, Microsoft and AOL, a division of the giant AOL Time Warner conglomerate, tried to negotiate a deal that would determine Microsoft's influence over AOL's future software offerings.

AOL bought Netscape in November 1998 for $4.2 billion. Rumors have been circulating that AOL will drop Explorer from its next software revision, AOL 8.0, due out this fall. The AOL spokesperson would not comment on the speculation.

AFP

Berkshire discloses change in filing

WASHINGTON—Billionaire investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. said on Friday that an accounting change will increase by $5.5 billion both the assets and liabilities of its finance and financial products businesses.

Berkshire, in an amended quarterly report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (news-websites), said its auditor Deloitte & Touche had changed its position on how Berkshire should account for its interest in Berkadia, which is jointly owned with Leucadia National Corp., a holding company engaged in banking, manufacturing, insurance and other businesses.

During the third quarter of 2001, Berkshire accepted the advice of Deloitte & Touche that the equity method was the right way to account for Berkadia, according to the SEC filing.

But, in preparing the year-end 2001 financial statements, "Berkshire initiated a review of the earlier judgment and Deloitte & Touche revised its earlier judgment and concluded that consolidating Berkadia in Berkshire's financial statements is appropriate."

"This change results in an increase of approximately $5.5 billion in the assets of the finance and financial products businesses and an equivalent increase in the liabilities of the finance and financial products businesses," Berkshire said.

It has no effect on the interim earnings or previously reported shareholders' equity, it added.

Berkshire said it has consolidated Berkadia in its year-end financial statements and was restating its third quarter Form 10Q filing to consolidate Berkadia at Sept. 30, 2001.

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Wall Street loves a 'buy', but takes harsh energy look

NEW YORK—Once bitten, twice shy—or so Wall Street wants you to think.

Stock analysts have been disparaged for not advising investors soon enough to sell shares of Enron Corp., even as the energy trader teetered on the brink of bankruptcy. But as the fallout from its collapse and the Andersen accounting scandal rocked Wall Street, analysts have been quicker than usual to downgrade power companies, the industry most tainted by Enron, some investors say.

They say analysts have become more critical, further scrutinizing balance sheets and off-balance sheet financings like the ones that hid Enron's debt and fueled its demise.

"Because of Enron, they're less willing to put their necks on the line and more willing to downgrade companies," said James Ellíot, a portfolio manager at Dominick & Dominick Advisors who invests in the energy and utility industries.

Downgrades on Wall Street are always going to be rare and "sell" recommendations rarer still, since the industry of equity analysis is skewed toward getting investors to buy stocks. But there are signs of an incremental change for the better, with more scrutiny, especially when it comes to the battered energy sector.

According to research firm Thomson Financial/First Call, the average analyst rating over the last few months at some of the most troubled energy companies—such as AES Corp., Calpine Corp. and Mirant Corp.—has dropped from a "strong buy" to between a "buy" and a "hold."

Wall Street's unwillingness to issue a "sell" recommendation has always been evident. In the final days before Enron's Dec. 2 bankruptcy filing, eight of 16 Wall Street analysts were still rating its shares "strong buy" or "buy," while six had "hold" ratings. Only two listed it as a "sell."

The reluctance to recommend a "sell" is all the more telling if measured against Enron's stock price. Shares plunged from $33.17 the day before the company announced a $1-billion charge and its first quarterly loss in more than four years on Oct. 16, to less than $1 days before filing for bankruptcy.

"They missed the boat on their recommendations, certainly from mid-October on," Chuck Hill, research director of First Call, said of analysts who covered Enron.

"Certainly there was one red flag after another from mid-October on and they (stock analysts) dallied."

Amid the public's outrage over Enron's collapse, Congress in late February called four analysts to testify on why downgrades were slow to come. The analysts said Enron fooled them into believing it was a good investment; critics countered that they should have dug deeper for the truth.

However, some analysts—even if they have yet to fully embrace "sell" ratings—have been more vigilant with troubled power companies such as Mirant and Calpine, which have posted stock price declines of 49 percent and 39 percent, respectively, since Enron's bankruptcy.

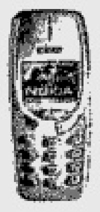
More than half the analysts, who are paid to recommend stocks for investors to buy and sell, had downgraded Mirant to "hold" by the beginning of February, and almost half had done the same with Calpine, according to Starmine, which monitors analyst actions.

Both companies, tarred by the Enron brush, have battled liquidity issues and suffered downgrades to "junk" status by credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service.

The potential for significant further deterioration in energy prices, concerns over overcapacity and the lingering US recession led analyst Kit Konolige at Morgan Stanley to downgrade the stocks to "hold" from "strong buy" on Dec. 10.

But Konolige, who was the first analyst to downgrade both Calpine and Mirant, acknowledged, "We weren't as early as we could have been (to downgrade) because the stocks were already down significantly."

Still, the Enron debacle hasn't significantly increased the number of overall "sell" ratings, an analysis of more than 24,000 stock recommendations tracked by First Call shows. **Reuters**



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Begun on a napkin, Compaq now at top of PC market

SAN FRANCISCO—Compaq Computers, which got its start as a napkin sketch in Houston's "House of Pies" in February 1982, is now in the top range of the world's computer makers.

Three former Texas Instruments managers invested $1,000 each to form their own company, aiming to create a rival to the Osborne, one of the first "portable computers"—which then weighed in at 11 kilos (24 pounds).

The company backing the Osborne eventually folded, but Compaq went on to become by 1995, the world's leading computer manufacturer.

In January 1984, the company would report revenues of $111.2 million after its first full year.

In the 1990s, Compaq would swallow Tandem Computers, a corporate technologies company, and Digital Equipment, making it the world's largest computing company.

Then the company's fortunes faltered. A worldwide slump in PC sales and pricing pressures soon lopped billions from the company's bottom line. In April 1999, Compaq chair Eckhard Pfeiffer was deposed by the board, replaced by Michael Capellas. Layoffs and downsizing followed. By June 2001, the company had announced 8,500 layoffs.

Compaq lost its No. 1 position in the PC market to Texas rival Dell and posted a net loss of $785 million last year.

Amid the troubles, a phone call was made between two mid-level executives at Compaq and rival Hewlett-Packard, the venerable Silicon Valley technology company.

That phone call, to discuss a corporate software licensing deal, soon blossomed into a full-blown acquisition talks, which culminated in a September 2000 announcement that HP would buy Compaq in a deal valued at $22 billion. **AFP**

Hewlett Packard at the crossroads

SAN FRANCISCO—Change is nothing new for Hewlett-Packard, a Silicon Valley behemoth that is now facing a tough internal shareholder feud over a planned $22-billion merger with Texas computer maker Compaq.

This most venerable of technology companies was created in a Palo Alto, California garage one summer day in 1937 with $538 cash and a used Sears drill press.

That garage is now an official historical landmark that proclaims it to be the birthplace of Silicon Valley.

Founders William Hewlett and David Packard, two young Stanford-trained engineers, incorporated in 1939 to create and market their own line of electronics, the order of their namesake company determined by a flip of a coin.

Packard was the son of a Colorado lawyer and high school teacher mother. Packard was known for his youthful inquisitiveness. Experiments in gunpowder left him with a deformed thumb. David Hewlett, whose father was a San Francisco doctor, was a child math prodigy who was also dyslexic.

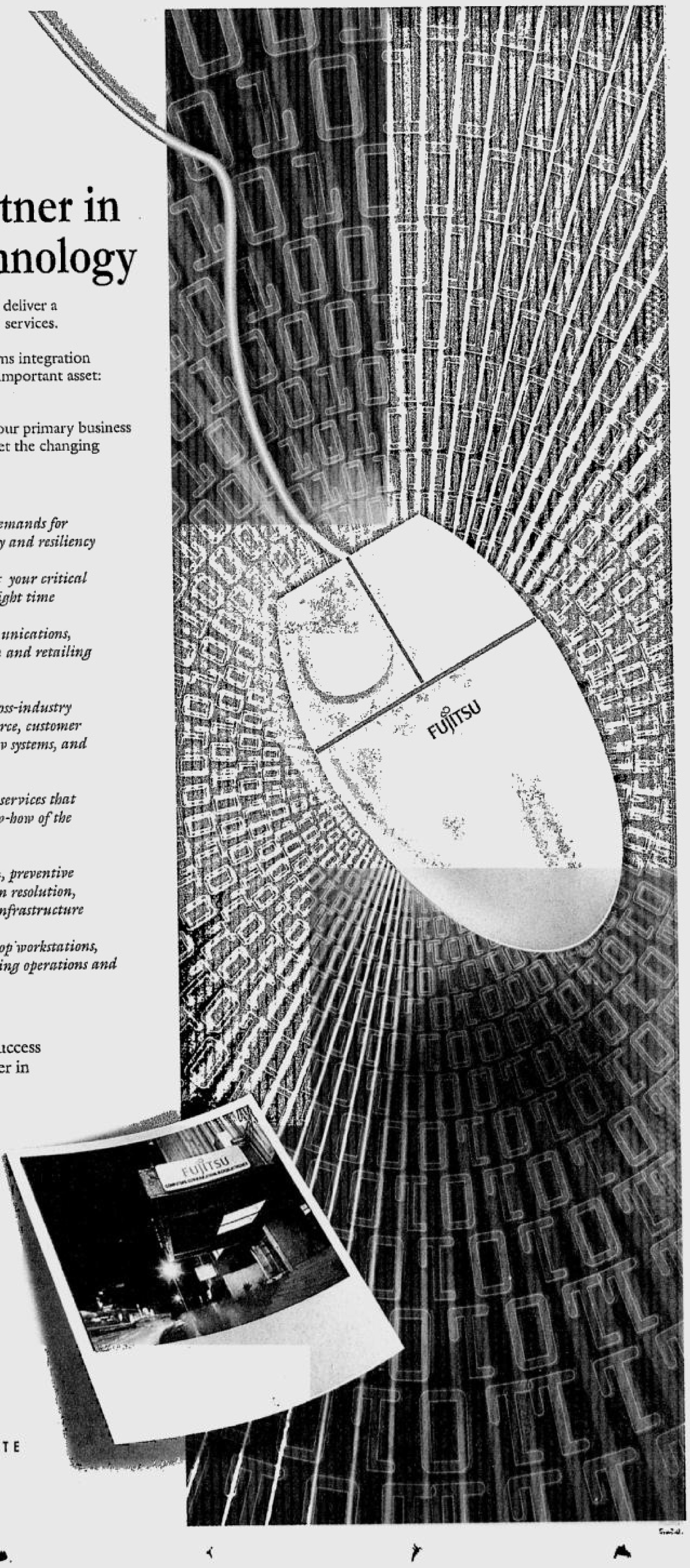
Their first commercial product was the Model 200B audio oscillator, which was used to control volume and sound quality for the Walt Disney Studios' full-length cartoon "Fantasia."

The company, which prided itself on a shirt-sleeves, non-hierarchical environment, would soon lay the foundation that converted sunny California farmland into the center of a worldwide technology revolution. Today, the company counts 86,200 employees across the globe with last reported quarterly revenues of $11.38 billion.

The list of HP firsts is legendary—everything from fetal heart monitors to programmable scientific calculators, light-emitting diode displays, commercial data processing machines and, in 1980, the first affordable laser printers, which remains a bedrock of the company's consumer products line.

Packard died in 1996, Hewlett in 2001, and their adjoining offices are lovingly preserved on the HP grounds.

The pair left their heirs company shares exceeding 18 percent of the company, a move that would touch off today's corporate civil war. **AFP**



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A. Andersen resists being labeled a 'fall guy'

WASHINGTON—Accounting firm Arthur Andersen, facing unprecedented criminal charges for destroying documents in the Enron case, is fiercely resisting the role of the fall guy in the corporate scandal.

The indictment of Andersen, the first charges filed in the massive scandal over corporate misconduct, pushes the accounting giant to the brink of collapse in an unusual move by government prosecutors, observers said.

Especially curious is the government's decision to charge the company, rather than individual partners, with criminal misconduct.

"It is quite an extraordinary thing to charge Andersen as an entity with obstruction of justice," said Royal Martin, a Chicago attorney specializing in white-collar criminal cases. "This will inevitably lead to the destruction of Andersen."

Andersen is fighting off the label of scapegoat in the Enron affair, in which the seventh largest US company concealed losses from shareholders through a maze of outside partnerships before collapsing.

In a statement issued after the indictment was announced Thursday, the Chicago firm said the action "is without precedent and an extraordinary abuse of prosecutorial discretion. Given the circumstances in this case, this is a gross abuse of government power."

Andersen claimed the indictment is "riddled with factual and legal errors establishing that the government's case entirely lacks substance."

In a letter sent to the Justice Department, Andersen said an indictment "would impose the death penalty on the firm" and would destroy thousands of jobs.

Moreover, the indictment could force Andersen into bankruptcy and roil the corporate world by barring Andersen from auditing companies regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, although the SEC said late Thursday that it would continue to accept Andersen audits for now.

The indictment by a grand jury in Houston alleges a widespread effort by the accounting firm to destroy documents and e-mails related to questionable transactions at Enron.

Authorities said the destruction of documents was a widespread effort by the firm, not the work of a few rogue employees and was carried out on Andersen offices worldwide.

"The shredder at the Andersen office at the Enron building was used almost constantly and, to handle the overload, dozens of large trunks filled with Enron documents were sent to Andersen's main Houston office to be shredded," the indictment said.

Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said, "This was a substantial undertaking over an extended period of time with a very wide scope. The Andersen firm instructed Andersen personnel in Portland, Oregon; Chicago, Illinois; and London, England to join in the shredding."

On Friday, the government barred Enron Corp. from receiving new business from the US government for 12 months. Andersen is barred until its criminal charges are settled.

"Under federal law, an indictment for such a criminal offense is adequate evidence of misconduct to support suspension of a government contractor," the government's General Services Administration said.

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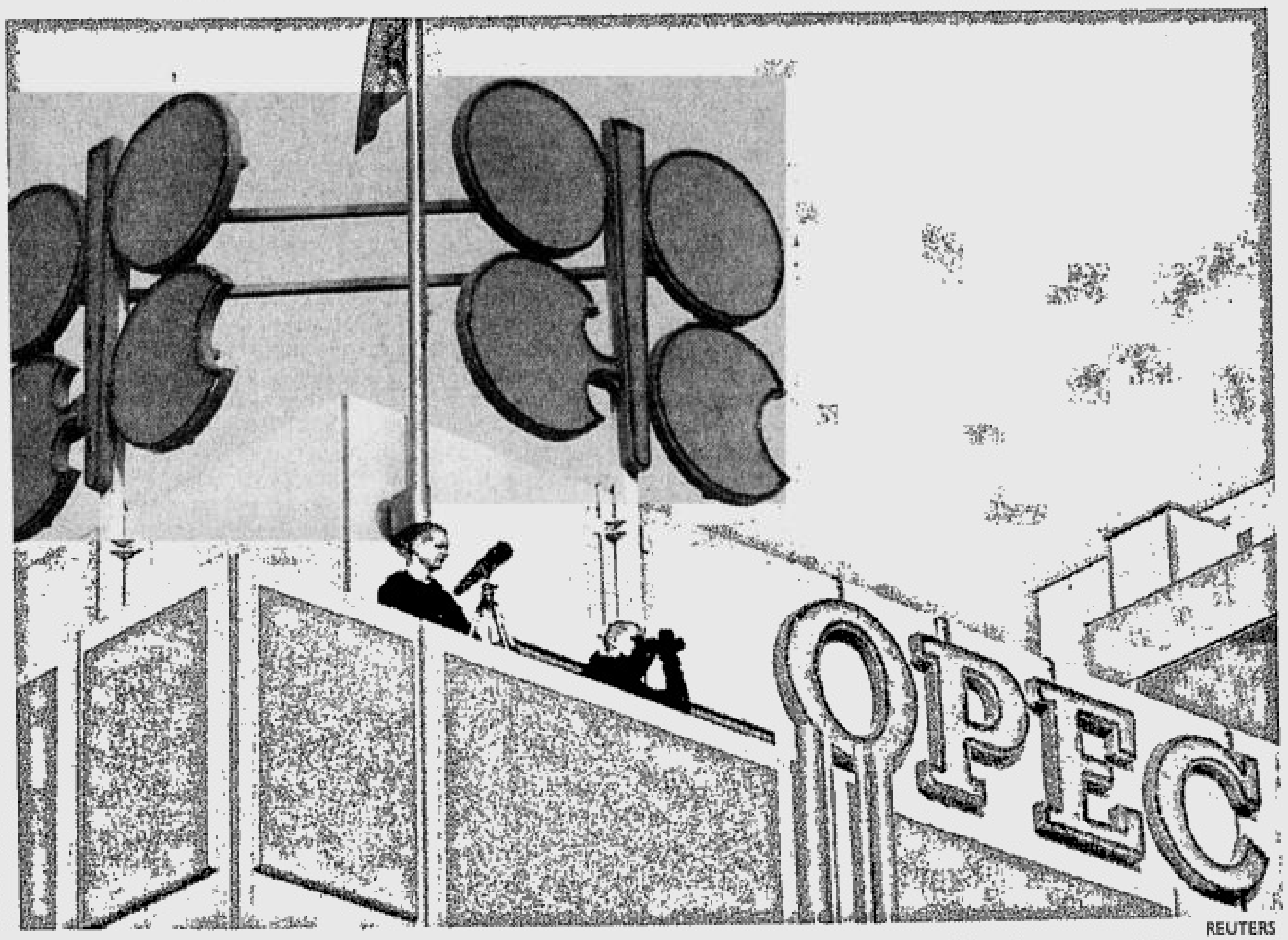

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POLICE secure the rooftop of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' headquarters in Vienna.

Exodus of clients of Andersen accelerates following indictment

CHICAGO—The exodus of blue-chip clients from Arthur Andersen LLP accelerated with four more Fortune 500 companies bolting, reflecting increased concern the end might be near for the now-indicted auditing giant.

Sara Lee Corp., Abbott Laboratories Inc., Northeast Utilities and Brunswick Corp. severed decades-long relationships with Andersen on Friday, and others said they were considering firing the Chicago-based firm. Combined, the four paid Andersen more than $15 million in auditing fees in 2001.

Accounting industry experts said the stream of defections is likely to turn into a flood in coming days after Thursday's criminal indictment of Andersen for shredding documents related to its audits of collapsed energy trader Enron.

"Chances are now much greater than before that Arthur Andersen as we know it will not exist," said Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University. "There is no great reason for clients to stay with them, assuming that sooner or later this indictment will spell the end of the firm."

Andersen has held talks with other Big Five accounting firms in recent days about a possible sale of some or all of its assets. But talks have faltered over concerns about Andersen's liabilities from the Enron case.

KPMG was still holding talks with Andersen on Friday, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. A spokesperson for KPMG declined to comment.

Arthur Bowman, editor of Atlanta-based Bowman's Accounting Report, said an acquisition of Andersen by another member of the Big Five could happen as early as next week if obstacles to a deal can be eliminated.

"Every one of them would like to get Andersen if the price is right, and the price has to include no extension of liability," he said.

Andersen spokesperson Patrick Dorton declined to comment about merger talks or the latest loss of clients.

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Russia, US experts deadlocked over poultry

MOSCOW—Russian and US negotiators were deadlocked Friday as they sought to ease a "chicken-for-steel" trade war, with Russian Deputy Agriculture Minister Sergei Dankvert warning that there were still "plenty of questions to settle."

Veterinary experts from both sides had been locked in talks on a Russian embargo on US chicken imports since Monday and were scheduled to finish on Saturday, but Dankvert said his officials "do not see a rapid end to the negotiations."

The US veterinary delegation is due to head for talks on Monday in Kiev, where Ukrainian authorities have also imposed an embargo on US poultry imports.

Moscow banned all imports of US poultry on health grounds from last Sunday, arguing that it was forced to act after discovering several samples of US chicken meat infected with salmonella.

However the embargo has been widely viewed as retaliation following Washington's decision earlier this month to slap tariffs of up to 30 percent on US steel imports, including those from Russia.

Dankvert said the departure date for the US delegation "does not mean the negotiations will be completed," the Interfax news agency said.

He noted that the two sides had been due to draw up a new protocol on Russian imports of US poultry to replace an earlier text dating from 1996.

The Russian side presented a list of 18 questions to US experts when the first round of talks began on Monday, Dankvert said.

"How can we speak of raising the embargo before we have reached a joint position concerning the conditions for poultry imports?" he added.

On Monday, Dankvert said the issue would take at least two months to resolve.

US poultry sales to Russia, worth between $600 million and $800 million a year, make up about 40 percent of all US poultry exports.

The embargo was declared within days of Washington announcing steel tariffs that could cost Russian steel exporters $400 million a year in lost revenues.

Several other former Soviet republics have joined the Russian ban on US poultry imports.

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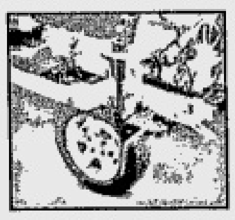

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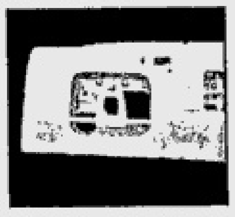

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BOJ may upgrade outlook

TOKYO—The Bank of Japan is leaning toward slightly upgrading its assessment of Japan's economy in its March report on economic and financial conditions due out next week, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun (Nikkei) said on Saturday.

But even should the central bank decide the worst could be over for some areas of the world's second largest economy, it is highly unlikely that this would lead to any change in monetary policy.

An upgrade by the central bank would be the first such move since July 2000 and would follow a similar upgrade issued by the Japanese government on Thursday.

According to the Nikkei, the view is growing inside the BOJ that downward pressure on the Japanese economy has eased slightly due to a budding US recovery that, in turn, is prompting improvements in exports and inventory adjustments.

However, since capital spending remains weak and instability in the capital and financial markets has yet to be entirely eliminated, the bank is not expected to alter its monetary policy, the Nikkei said.

A final decision will be made during the BOJ's two-day monetary policy meeting that starts on Tuesday. The report is due out on Friday.

The government's economic assessment said that signs of recovery could be seen in exports and industrial production and also upgraded its assessment on the trends in personal consumption and wholesale prices.

Reuters

IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160
ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001

RULE 1
Title

Rule 1.a. Title. - These Rules shall be known and cited as the "Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 9160", the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001 (AMLA).

Rule 1.b. Purpose. - These Rules are promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the AMLA, taking into account R.A. 9160 and related laws of the Philippines for a comprehensive anti-money laundering regime.

RULE 2
Declaration of Policy

Rule 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect the integrity and confidentiality of bank accounts and to ensure that the Philippines shall not be used as a money-laundering site for the proceeds of any unlawful activity. Consistent with its foreign policy, the Philippines shall extend cooperation in transnational investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in money laundering activities wherever committed.

RULE 3
Definitions

Rule 3. Definitions. – For purposes of the Act, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

Rule 3.a. "Covered Institution" refers to:

Rule 3.a.1. Banks, offshore banking units, quasi-banks, trust entities, non-stock savings and loan associations, pawnshops, and all other institutions, including their subsidiaries and affiliates supervised and/or regulated by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

(a) A subsidiary means an entity more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding voting stock of which is owned by a bank, quasi-bank, trust entity or any other institution supervised or regulated by the BSP.

(b) An affiliate means an entity at least twenty percent (20%) but not exceeding fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock of which is owned by a bank, quasi-bank, trust entity, or any other institution supervised and/or regulated by the BSP.

Rule 3.a.2. Insurance companies, insurance agents, insurance brokers, professional reinsurers, reinsurance brokers, holding companies, holding company systems and all other persons and entities supervised and/or regulated by the Insurance Commission (IC).

(a) An insurance company includes those entities authorized to transact insurance business in the Philippines, whether life or non-life and whether domestic, domestically incorporated or branch of a foreign entity. A contract of insurance is an agreement whereby one undertakes for a consideration to indemnify another against loss, damage or liability arising from an unknown or contingent event. Transacting insurance business includes making or proposing to make, as insurer, any insurance contract, or as surety, any contract of suretyship as a vocation and not as merely incidental to any other legitimate business or activity of the surety, doing any kind of business specifically recognized as constituting the doing of an insurance business within the meaning of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 612, as amended, including a reinsurance business and doing or proposing to do any business in substance equivalent to any of the foregoing in a manner designed to evade the provisions of P.D. No. 612, as amended.

(b) An insurance agent includes any person who solicits or obtains insurance on behalf of any insurance company or transmits for a person other than himself an application for a policy or contract of insurance to or from such company or offers or assumes to act in the negotiation of such insurance.

(c) An insurance broker includes any person who acts or aids in any manner in soliciting, negotiating or procuring the making of any insurance contract or in placing risk or taking out insurance, on behalf of an insured other than himself.

(d) A professional reinsurer includes any person, partnership, association or corporation that transacts solely and exclusively reinsurance business in the Philippines, whether domestic, domestically incorporated or a branch of a foreign entity. A contract of reinsurance is one by which an insurer procures a third person to insure him against loss or liability by reason of such original insurance.

(e) A reinsurance broker includes any person who, not being a duly authorized agent, employee or officer of an insurer in which any reinsurance is effected, acts or aids in any manner in negotiating contracts of reinsurance or placing risks of effecting reinsurance, for any insurance company authorized to do business in the Philippines.

(f) A holding company includes any person who directly or indirectly controls any authorized insurer. A holding company system includes a holding company together with its controlled insurers and controlled persons.

Rule 3.a.3. (i) Securities dealers, brokers, salesmen, associated persons of brokers or dealers, investment houses, investment agents and consultants, trading advisors, and other entities managing securities or rendering similar services, (ii) mutual funds or open-end investment companies, close-end investment companies, common trust funds, pre-need companies or issuers and other similar entities; (iii) foreign exchange corporations, money changers, money payment, remittance, and transfer companies and other similar entities, and (iv) other entities administering or otherwise dealing in currency, commodities or financial derivatives based thereon, valuable objects, cash substitutes and other similar monetary instruments or property supervised and/or regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

(a) A securities broker includes a person engaged in the business of buying and selling securities for the account of others.

(b) A securities dealer includes any person who buys and sells securities for his/her account in the ordinary course of business.

(c)A securities salesman includes a natural person, employed as such or as an agent, by a dealer, issuer or broker to buy and sell securities.

(d) An associated person of a broker or dealer includes an employee thereof who directly exercises control or supervisory authority, but does not include a salesman, or an agent or a person whose functions are solely clerical or ministerial.

(e) An investment house includes an enterprise which engages or purports to engage, whether regularly or on an isolated basis, in the underwriting of securities of another person or enterprise, including securities of the Government and its instrumentalities.

(f) A mutual fund or an open-end investment company includes an investment company which is offering for sale or has outstanding, any redeemable security of which it is the issuer.

(g) A closed-end investment company includes an investment company other than open-end investment company.

(h) A common trust fund includes a fund maintained by an entity authorized to perform trust functions under a written and formally established plan, exclusively for the collective investment and reinvestment of certain money representing participation in the plan received by it in its capacity as trustee, for the purpose of administration, holding or management of such funds and/or properties for the use, benefit or advantage of the trustor or of others known as beneficiaries.

(i) A pre-need company or issuer includes any corporation supervised and/or regulated by the SEC and is authorized or licensed to sell or offer for sale pre-need plans. Pre-need plans are contracts which provide for the performance of future service(s) or payment of future monetary consideration at the time of actual need, payable either in cash or installment by the planholder at prices stated in the contract with or without interest or insurance coverage and includes life, pension, education, internment and other plans, which the Commission may, from time to time, approve.

(j) A foreign exchange corporation includes any enterprise which engages or purports to engage, whether regularly or on an isolated basis, in the sale and purchase of foreign currency notes and such other foreign-currency denominated non-bank deposit transactions as may be authorized under its articles of incorporation.

(k) Investment Advisor/Agent/Consultant shall refer to any person:

(l) who for an advisory fee is engaged in the business of advising others, either directly or through circulars, reports, publications or writings, as to the value of any security and as to the advisability of trading in any security; or

(2) who for compensation and as part of a regular business, issues or promulgates, analyzes reports concerning the capital market, except:

(a) any bank or trust company;

(b) any journalist, reporter, columnist, editor, lawyer, accountant, teacher;

(c) the publisher of any bonafide newspaper, news, business or financial publication of general and regular circulation, including their employees;

(d) any contract market;

(e) such other person not within the intent of this definition, provided that the furnishing of such service by the foregoing persons is solely incidental to the conduct of their business or profession.

(3) any person who undertakes the management of portfolio securities of investment companies, including the arrangement of purchases, sales or exchanges of securities.

(l) A moneychanger includes any person in the business of buying or selling foreign currency notes.

(m) A money payment, remittance and transfer company includes any person offering to pay, remit or transfer or transmit money on behalf of any person to another person.

(n) "Customer" refers to any person or entity that keeps an account, or otherwise transacts business, with a covered institution and any person or entity on whose behalf an account is maintained or a transaction is conducted, as well as the beneficiary of said transactions. A customer also includes the beneficiary of a trust, an investment fund, a pension fund or a company or person whose assets are managed by an asset manager, or a grantor of a trust. It includes any insurance policy holder, whether actual or prospective.

(o) "Property" includes any thing or item of value, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein or any benefit, privilege, claim or right with respect thereto.

Rule 3.b. "Covered Transaction" means:

(1) A single transaction involving an amount in excess of Four Million Philippine Pesos (Php4,000,000.00) or an equivalent amount in foreign currency based on the prevailing exchange rate where the client is not properly identified and/or the amount is not commensurate with his business or financial capacity.

(2) A single transaction involving an amount in excess of Four MiLlion Philippine Pesos (Php4,000,000.00) or an equivalent amount in foreign currency based on the prevailing exchange rate which has no underlying legal or trade obligation, purpose, origin, or economic justification.

(3) A series or combination of transactions conducted within five (5) consecutive banking days aggregating to a total amount in excess of Four million Philippine Pesos (Php4,000,000.00) or an equivalent in foreign currency based on the prevailing exchange rate where the client is not properly identified and/or the amount is not commensurate with his business or financial capacity.

(4) A series or combination of transactions conducted within five (5) consecutive banking days aggregating to a total amount in excess of Four Million Philippine Pesos (Php4,000,000.00) or an equivalent in foreign currency based on the prevailing exchange rate where most, if not all the transactions, do not have any underlying legal or trade obligation, purpose, origin, or economic justification.

(5) A single unusually large and complex transaction in excess of Four Million Philippine Pesos (Php4,000,000.00), especially a cash deposit or investment having no credible purpose or origin, underlying trade obligation or contract, regardless of whether or not the client is properly identified and/or the amount is commensurate with his business or financial capacity.

(6) A series, combination or pattern of unusually large and complex transactions aggregating to, without reference to any period, a total amount in excess of Four Million Philippine Pesos (Php4,000,000.00), especially cash deposits and/or investments having no credible purpose or origin, underlying trade obligation or contract, regardless of whether or not the client is properly identified and/or the amount is commensurate with his business or financial capacity.

Rule 3.c. "Monetary Instrument" refers to:

(1) Coins or currency of legal tender of the Philippines, or of any other country;

(2) Drafts, checks and notes;

(3) Securities or negotiable instruments, bonds, commercial papers, deposit certificates, trust certificates, custodial receipts or deposit substitute instruments, trading orders, transaction tickets and confirmations of sale or investments and money market instruments;

(4) Contracts or policies of insurance, life or non-life, and contracts of suretyship; and

(5) Other similar instruments where title thereto passes to another by endorsement, assignment or delivery.

Rule 3.d. "Offender" refers to any person who commits a money laundering offense.

Rule 3.e. "Person" refers to any natural or juridical person.

Rule 3.f. "Proceeds" refers to an amount derived or realized from an unlawful activity. It includes:

(1) All material results, profits, effects and any amount realized from any unlawful activity;

(2) All monetary, financial or economic means, devices, documents, papers or things used in or having any relation to any unlawful activity; and

(3) All moneys, expenditures, payments, disbursements, costs, outlays, charges, accounts, refunds and other similar items for the financing, operations, and maintenance of any unlawful activity.

Rule 3.g. "Supervising Authority" refers to the BSP, the SEC and the IC. Where the BSP, SEC or IC supervision applies only to the registration of the covered institution, the BSP, the SEC or the IC, within the limits of the AMLA, shall have the authority to require and ask assistance from the government agency having regulatory power and/or licensing authority over said covered institution for the implementation and enforcement of the AMLA and these Rules.

Rule 3.h. "Transaction" refers to any act establishing any right or obligation or giving rise to any contractual or legal relationship between the parties thereto. It also includes any movement of funds by any means with a covered institution.

Rule 3.i. "Unlawful activity" refers to any act or omission or series or combination thereof involving or having relation, to the following:

(A) Kidnapping for ransom under Article 267 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, as amended;

(1) Kidnapping for ransom

(B) Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of Article Two of Republic Act No. 6425, as amended, otherwise known as the Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972;

(2) Importation of prohibited drugs;
(3) Sale of prohibited drugs;
(4) Administration of prohibited drugs;
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(8) Maintenance of a Den, Dive or Resort for prohibited users
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(11) Use of prohibited drugs
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(C) Section 3 paragraphs b, c, e, g, h and i of Republic Act No. 3019, as amended, otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act;

(14) Directly or indirectly requesting or receiving any gift, present, share, percentage or benefit for himself or for any other person in connection with any contract or transaction between the Government and any party, wherein the public officer in his official capacity has to intervene under the law;

(15) Directly or indirectly requesting or receiving any gift, present or other pecuniary or material benefit, for himself or for another, from any person for whom the public officer, in any manner or capacity, has secured or obtained, or will secure or obtain, any government permit or license, in consideration for the help given or to be given, without prejudice to Section 13 of R.A. 3019;

(16) Causing any undue injury to any party, including the government, or giving any private party any unwarranted benefits, advantage or preference in the discharge of his official, administrative or judicial functions through manifest partiality, evident bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence;

(17) Entering, on behalf of the government, into any contract or transaction manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to the same, whether or not the public officer profited or will profit thereby;

(18) Directly or indirectly having financial or pecuniary interest in any business contract or transaction in connection with which he intervenes or takes part in his official capacity, or in which he is prohibited by the Constitution or by any law from having any interest;

(19) Directly or indirectly becoming interested, for personal gain, or having material interest in any transaction or act requiring the approval of a board, panel or group of which he is a member, and which exercise of discretion in such approval, even if he votes against the same or he does not participate in the action of the board, committee, panel or group.

(D) Plunder under Republic Act No. 7080, as amended;

(20) Plunder through misappropriation, conversion, misuse or malversation of public funds or raids upon the public treasury;

(21) Plunder by receiving, directly or indirectly, any commission, gift, share, percentage, kickbacks or any other form of pecuniary benefit from any person and/or entity in connection with any government contract or project or by reason of the office or position of the public officer concerned;

(22) Plunder by the illegal or fraudulent conveyance or disposition of assets belonging to the National Government or any of its subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities or government-owned or controlled corporations or their subsidiaries;

(23) Plunder by obtaining, receiving or accepting, directly or indirectly, any shares of stock, equity or any other form of interest or participation including the promise of future employment in any business enterprise or undertaking;

(24) Plunder by establishing agricultural, industrial or commercial monopolies or other combinations and/or implementation of decrees and orders intended to benefit particular persons or special interests;

(25) Plunder by taking undue advantage of official position, authority, relationship, connection or influence to unjustly enrich himself or themselves at the expense and to the damage and prejudice of the Filipino people and the republic of the Philippines.

(E) Robbery and extortion under Articles 294, 295, 296, 299, 300, 301 and 302 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;

(26) Robbery with violence or intimidation of persons;

(27) Robbery with physical injuries, committed in an uninhabited place and by a band, or with use of firearms on a street, road or alley;

(28) Robbery in an uninhabited house or public building or edifice devoted to worship.

(F) Jueteng and Masiao punished as illegal gambling under Presidential Decree No. 1602;

(29) Jueteng;
(30) Masiao.

(G) Piracy on the high seas under the Revised Penal Code, as amended and Presidential Decree No. 532;

(31) Piracy on the high seas;
(32) Piracy in inland Philippine waters;
(33) Aiding and abetting pirates and brigands.

(H) Qualified theft under Article 310 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;

(34) Qualified theft.

(I) Swindling under Article 315 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended;

(35) Estafa with unfaithfulness or abuse of confidence by altering the substance, quality or quantity of anything of value which the offender shall deliver by virtue of an obligation to do so, even though such obligation be based on an immoral or illegal consideration;

(36) Estafa with unfaithfulness or abuse of confidence by misappropriating or converting, to the prejudice of another, money, goods or any other personal property received by the offender in trust or on commission, or for administration, or under any other obligation involving the duty to make delivery or to return the same, even though such obligation be totally or partially guaranteed by a bond; or by denying having received such money, goods, or other property;

(37) Estafa with unfaithfulness or abuse of confidence by taking undue advantage of the signature of the offended party in blank, and by writing any document above such signature in blank, to the prejudice of the offended party or any third person;

(38) Estafa by using a fictitious name, or falsely pretending to possess power, influence, qualifications, property, credit, agency, business or imaginary transactions, or by means of other similar deceits;

(39) Estafa by altering the quality, fineness or weight of anything pertaining to his art or business;

(40) Estafa by pretending to have bribed any government employee;

(41) Estafa by postdating a check, or issuing a check in payment of an obligation when the offender has no funds in the bank, or his funds deposited therein were not sufficient to cover the amount of the check;

(42) Estafa by inducing another, by means of deceit, to sign any document;

(43) Estafa by resorting to some fraudulent practice to ensure success in a gambling game;

(44) Estafa by removing, concealing or destroying, in whole or in part, any court record, office files, document or any other papers.

(J) Smuggling under Republic Act Nos. 455 and 1937;

(45) Fraudulent importation of any vehicle;
(46) Fraudulent exportation of any vehicle;
(47) Assisting in any fraudulent importation;
(48) Assisting in any fraudulent exportation;
(49) Receiving smuggled article after fraudulent importation;
(50) Concealing smuggled article after fraudulent importation;
(51) Buying smuggled article after fraudulent importation;
(52) Selling smuggled article after fraudulent importation;
(53) Transportation of smuggled article after fraudulent importation;
(54) Fraudulent practices against customs revenue.

(K) Violations under Republic Act No. 8792, otherwise known as the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000;

K.1. Hacking or cracking, which refers to:

(55) unauthorized access into or interference in a computer system/server or information and communication system; or

(56) any access in order to corrupt, alter, steal, or destroy using a computer or other similar information and communication devices, without the knowledge and consent of the owner of the computer or information and communications system, including

(57) the introduction of computer viruses and the like, resulting in the corruption, destruction, alteration, theft or loss of electronic data messages or electronic document;

K.2. Piracy, which refers to:

(58) the unauthorized copying, reproduction,
(59) the unauthorized dissemination, distribution,
(60) the unauthorized importation,
(61) the unauthorized use, removal, alteration, substitution, modification,
(62) the unauthorized storage, uploading, downloading, communication, making available to the public, or
(63) the unauthorized broadcasting,of protected material, electronic signature or copyrighted works including legally protected sound recordings or phonograms or information material on protected works, through the use of telecommunication networks, such as, but not limited to, the internet, in a manner that infringes intellectual property rights;

K.3. Violations of the Consumer Act or Republic Act No. 7394 and other relevant or pertinent laws through transactions covered by or using electronic data messages or electronic documents:

(64) Sale of any consumer product that is not in conformity with standards under the Consumer Act;
(65) Sale of any product that has been banned by a rule under the Consumer Act;
(66) Sale of any adulterated or mislabeled product using electronic documents;
(67) Adulteration or misbranding of any consumer product;
(68) Forging, counterfeiting or simulating any mark, stamp, tag, label or other identification device;
(69) Revealing trade secrets;
(70) Alteration or removal of the labeling of any drug or device held for sale;
(71) Sale of any drug or device not registered in accordance with the provisions of the E-Commerce Act;
(72) Sale of any drug or device by any person not licensed in accordance with the provisions of the E-Commerce Act;
(73) Sale of any drug or device beyond its expiration date;
(74) Introduction into commerce of any mislabeled or banned hazardous substance;
(75) Alteration or removal of the labeling of a hazardous substance;
(76) Deceptive sales acts and practices;
(77) Unfair or unconscionable sales acts and practices;
(78) Fraudulent practices relative to weights and measures;
(79) False representations in advertisements as the existence of a warranty or guarantee;
(80) Violation of price tag requirements;
(81) Mislabeling consumer products;
(82) False, deceptive or misleading advertisements;
(83) Violation of required disclosures on consumer loans;
(84) Other violations of the provisions of the E-Commerce Act;

(L) Hijacking and other violations under Republic Act No. 6235; destructive arson and murder, as defined under the Revised Penal Code, as amended, including those perpetrated by terrorists against non-combatant persons and similar targets;

(85) Hijacking;
(86) Destructive arson;
(87) Murder;
(88) Hijacking, destructive arson or murder perpetrated by terrorists against non-combatant persons and similar targets;

(M) Fraudulent practices and other violations under Republic Act No. 8799, otherwise known as the Securities Regulation Code of 2000;

(89) Sale, offer or distribution of securities within the Philippines without a registration statement duly filed with and approved by the SEC;

(90) Sale or offer to the public of any pre-need plan not in accordance with the rules and regulations which the SEC shall prescribe;

(91) Violation of reportorial requirements imposed upon issuers of securities;

(92) Manipulation of security prices by creating a false or misleading appearance of active trading in any listed security traded in an Exchange or any other trading market;

(93) Manipulation of security prices by effecting, alone or with others, a series of transactions in securities that raises their prices to induce the purchase of a security, whether of the same or different class, of the same issuer or of a controlling, controlled or commonly controlled company by others;

(94) Manipulation of security prices by effecting, alone or with others, a series of transactions in securities that depresses their price to induce the sale of a security, whether of the same or different class, of the same issuer or of a controlling, controlled or commonly controlled company by others;

(95) Manipulation of security prices by effecting, alone or with others, a series of transactions in securities that creates active trading to induce such a purchase or sale though manipulative devices such as marking the close, painting the tape, squeezing the float, hype and dump, boiler room operations and such other similar devices;

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(96) Manipulation of security prices by circulating or disseminating information that the price of any security listed in an Exchange will or is likely to rise or fall because of manipulative market operations of any one or more persons conducted for the purpose of raising or depressing the price of the security for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security;
(97) Manipulation of security prices by making false or misleading statements with respect to any material fact, which he knew or had reasonable ground to believe was so false and misleading, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of any security listed or traded in an Exchange;
(98) Manipulation of security prices by effecting, alone or with others, any series of transactions for the purchase and/or sale of any security traded in an Exchange for the purpose of pegging, fixing or stabilizing the price of such security, unless otherwise allowed by the Securities Regulation Code or by the rules of the SEC;
(99) Sale or purchase of any security using any manipulative deceptive device or contrivance;
(100) Execution of short sales or stop-loss order in connection with the purchase or sale of any security not in accordance with such rules and regulations as the SEC may prescribe as necessary and appropriate in the public interest or the protection of the investors;
(101) Employment of any device, scheme or artifice to defraud in connection with the purchase and sale of any securities;
(102) Obtaining money or property in connection with the purchase and sale of any security by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
(103) Engaging in any act, transaction, practice or course of action in the sale and purchase of any security which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person;
(104) Insider trading;
(105) Engaging in the business of buying and selling securities in the Philippines as a broker or dealer, or acting as a salesman, or an associated person of any broker or dealer without any registration from the Commission;
(106) Employment by a broker or dealer of any salesman or associated person or by an issuer of any salesman, not registered with the SEC;
(107) Effecting any transaction in any security, or reporting such transaction, in an Exchange or using the facility of an Exchange which is not registered with the SEC;
(108) Making use of the facility of a clearing agency which is not registered with the SEC;
(109) Violations of margin requirements;
(110) Violations on the restrictions on borrowings by members, brokers and dealers;
(111) Aiding and Abetting in any violations of the Securities Regulation Code;
(112) Hindering, obstructing or delaying the filing of any document required under the Securities Regulation Code or the rules and regulations of the SEC;
(113) Violations of any of the provisions of the implementing rules and regulations of the SEC;
(114) Any other violations of any of the provisions of the Securities Regulation Code.

(N) Felonies or offenses of a similar nature to the afore-mentioned unlawful activities that are punishable under the penal laws of other countries. In determining whether or not a felony or offense punishable under the penal laws of other countries, is "of a similar nature", as to constitute the same as an unlawful activity under the AMLA, the nomenclature of said felony or offense need not be identical to any of the predicate crimes listed under Rule 3.i.

RULE 4
Money Laundering Offense

Rule 4.1. Money Laundering Offense - Money laundering is a crime whereby the proceeds of an unlawful activity are transacted, thereby making them appear to have originated from legitimate sources. It is committed by the following:

(a) Any person knowing that any monetary instrument or property represents, involves, or relates to, the proceeds of any unlawful activity, transacts or attempts to transact said monetary instrument or property.

(b) Any person knowing that any monetary instrument or property involves the proceeds of any unlawful activity, performs or fails to perform any act as a result of which he facilitates the offense of money laundering referred to in paragraph (a) above.

(c) Any person knowing that any monetary instrument or property is required under this Act to be disclosed and filed with the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), fails to do so.

RULE 5
Jurisdiction over Money Laundering Cases and the Money Laundering Investigation Procedures

Rule 5.1. Jurisdiction over Money Laundering Cases. - The Regional Trial Courts shall have the jurisdiction to try all cases on money laundering. Those committed by public officers and private persons who are in conspiracy with such public officers shall be under the jurisdiction of the Sandiganbayan.

Rule 5.2. Investigation of Money Laundering Offenses. - The AMLC shall initiate the investigation of covered transactions, money laundering activities and other violations of this Act, pursuant to Section 7 (5) of the AMLA, under any of the following circumstances:

(a) On the basis of a mandatory filing of a covered transaction report, pursuant to Section 9 (c) of the AMLA, where the covered institution reports a transaction in excess of Four Million Pesos (Php4,000,000.00) or an equivalent amount in foreign currency based on the prevailing exchange rate, and
(i) The person involved in the transaction was not a properly identified client; and
(ii) The amount is not commensurate with the business or financial capacity of the client; or
(iii) There was no underlying legal or trade obligation, purpose, origin or economic justification.
(b) On the basis of a mandatory filing of a covered transaction report, pursuant to Section 9 (c) of the AMLA, where the covered institution reports a transaction in excess of Four Million Pesos (Php4,000,000.00) or an equivalent amount in foreign currency based on the prevailing exchange rate, in a single, series or combination or pattern of unusually large and complex transaction, especially cash deposits and investments having no credible purpose or origin, underlying trade obligation or contract.
(c) On the basis of any report on any suspicious transaction, where the covered institution has reasonable ground to believe that any money laundering activities or any money laundering offense or any violation of this Act under Section 4 and Section 7(5) of the AMLA and defined under Rule 4 of these Rules is about to be, is being or has been committed.

Rule 5.3. Suspicious Transactions. - As may be directed by the AMLC and/or in the exercise of their supervisory and/or regulatory powers over covered institutions under their respective jurisdictions, supervising authorities may require all suspicious transactions with covered institutions, irrespective of the amounts involved, to be reported to the AMLC when there is reasonable belief that any money laundering activity or any money laundering offense or any violation of this Act under Section 4 and Section 7 (5) is about to be, is being or has been committed.

Administrative sanctions for non-compliance with such suspicious transaction reporting requirements may be imposed by supervising authorities as authorized under their respective charters.

Rule 5.4. Attempts at Transactions. Section 4 (a) and (b) of the AMLA provides that any person who attempts to transact any monetary instrument or property representing, involving or relating to the proceeds of any unlawful activity shall be prosecuted for a money laundering offense. Accordingly, the reports required under Rule 9.3 (a) and (b) of these Rules shall include those pertaining to any attempt by any person to transact any monetary instrument or property representing, involving or relating to the proceeds of any unlawful activity.

RULE 6
Prosecution of Money Laundering

Rule 6.1. Prosecution of Money Laundering. -

Rule 6.1.a. Any person may be charged with and convicted of both the offense of money laundering and the unlawful activity as defined under Rule 3 (i) of the AMLA.

Rule 6.1.b. Any proceeding relating to the unlawful activity shall be given precedence over the prosecution of any offense or violation under the AMLA without prejudice to the issuance by the AMLC of a freeze order with respect to the deposit, investment or similar account involved therein and resort to other remedies provided under the AMLA.

Rule 6.2. When the AMLC finds, after investigation, that there is probable cause to charge any person with a money laundering offense under Section 4 of the AMLA, it shall cause a complaint to be filed, pursuant to Section 7 (4) of the AMLA, before the Department of Justice or the Ombudsman, which shall then conduct the preliminary investigation of the case.

Rule 6.3. After due notice and hearing in the preliminary investigation proceedings before the Department of Justice, or the Ombudsman, as the case may be, and the latter should find probable cause of a money laundering offense, it shall file the necessary information before the Regional Trial Courts or the Sandiganbayan.

Rule 6.4. Trial for the money laundering offense shall proceed in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure or the Rules of Procedure of the Sandiganbayan, as the case may be.

Rule 6.5. Knowledge of the offender that any monetary instrument or property represents, involves, or relates to the proceeds of an unlawful activity or that any monetary instrument or property is required under the AMLA to be disclosed and filed with the AMLC, may be established by direct evidence or inferred from the attendant circumstances.

Rule 6.6. All the elements of every money laundering offense under Section 4 of the AMLA must be proved by evidence beyond reasonable doubt, including the element of knowledge that the monetary instrument or property represents, involves or relates to the proceeds of any unlawful activity.

Rule 6.7. No element of the unlawful activity, however, including the identity of the perpetrators and the details of the actual commission of the unlawful activity need be established by proof beyond reasonable doubt. The elements of the offense of money laundering are separate and distinct from the elements of the felony or offense constituting the unlawful activity.

RULE 7
Creation of Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC)

Rule 7.1.a. Composition. - The Anti-Money Laundering Council is hereby created and shall be composed of the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas as Chairman, the Commissioner of the Insurance Commission and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission as members.

Rule 7.1.b. Unanimous Decision. - The AMLC shall act unanimously in discharging its functions as defined in the AMLA and in these Rules. However, in the case of the incapacity, absence or disability of any member to discharge his functions, the officer duly designated or authorized to discharge the functions of the Governor of the BSP, the Chairman of the SEC or the Insurance Commissioner, as the case may be, shall act in his stead in the AMLC.

Rule 7.2. Functions. - The functions of the AMLC are defined hereunder:
(1) to require and receive covered transaction reports from covered institutions;
(2) to issue orders addressed to the appropriate Supervising Authority or the covered institution to determine the true identity of the owner of any monetary instrument or property subject of a covered transaction report, suspicious transaction report as defined under Rule 5.3 or request for assistance from a foreign state, or believed by the Council, on the basis of substantial evidence, to be, in whole or in part, wherever located, representing, involving, or related to, directly or indirectly, in any manner or by any means, the proceeds of an unlawful activity;
(3) to institute civil forfeiture proceedings and all other remedial proceedings through the Office of the Solicitor General;
(4) to cause the filing of complaints with the Department of Justice or the Ombudsman for the prosecution of money laundering offenses;
(5) to initiate investigations of covered transactions, suspicious transactions, money laundering activities and other violations of this Act;
(6) to freeze any monetary instrument or property alleged to be proceeds of any unlawful activity;
(7) to implement such measures as may be inherent, necessary, implied, incidental and justified under the AMLA to counteract money laundering. Subject to such limitations as provided for by law, the AMLC is authorized under Rule 7 (7) of the AMLA to establish an information sharing system that will enable the AMLC to store, track and analyze money laundering transactions for the resolute prevention, detection and investigation of money laundering offenses. For this purpose, the AMLC shall install a computerized system that will be used in the creation and maintenance of an information database;
(8) to receive and take action in respect of any request from foreign states for assistance in their own anti-money laundering operations as provided in the AMLA. The AMLC is authorized under Sections 7 (8) and 13 (b) and (d) of the AMLA to receive and take action in respect of any request of foreign states for assistance in their own anti-money laundering operations, in respect of conventions, resolutions and other directives of the United Nations (UN), the UN Security Council, and other international organizations of which the Philippines is a member. However, the AMLC may refuse to comply with any such request, convention, resolution or directive where the action sought therein contravenes the provisions of the Constitution, or the execution thereof is likely to prejudice the national interest of the Philippines.
(9) to develop educational programs on the pernicious effects of money laundering, the methods and techniques used in money laundering, the viable means of preventing money laundering and the effective ways of prosecuting and punishing offenders.
(10) to enlist the assistance of any branch, department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and -controlled corporations, in undertaking any and all anti-money laundering operations, which may include the use of its personnel, facilities and resources for the more resolute prevention, detection and investigation of money laundering offenses and prosecution of offenders. The AMLC may require the intelligence units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the Department of Finance, the Department of Justice, as well as their attached agencies, and other domestic or transnational governmental or non-governmental organizations or groups to divulge to the AMLC all information that may, in any way, facilitate the resolute prevention, investigation and prosecution of money laundering offenses and other violations of the AMLA.

Rule 7.3. Meetings. - The AMLC shall meet every first Monday of the month, or as often as may be necessary at the call of the Chairman.

RULE 8
Creation of a Secretariat

Rule 8.1. The Executive Director. - The Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the AMLC for a term of five (5) years. He must be a member of the Philippine Bar, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, must have served at least five (5) years either at the BSP, the SEC or the IC and of good moral character, unquestionable integrity and known probity. He shall be considered a regular employee of the BSP with the rank of Assistant Governor, and shall be entitled to such benefits and subject to such rules and regulations, as well as prohibitions, as are applicable to officers of similar rank.

Rule 8.2. Composition. - In organizing the Secretariat, the AMLC may choose from those who have served, continuously or cumulatively, for at least five (5) years in the BSP, the SEC or the IC. All members of the Secretariat shall be considered regular employees of the BSP and shall be entitled to such benefits and subject to such rules and regulations as are applicable to BSP employees of similar rank.

Rule 8.3. Detail and Secondment. - The AMLC is authorized under Section 7 (10) of the AMLA to enlist the assistance of the BSP, the SEC or the IC, or any other branch, department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, in undertaking any and all anti-money laundering operations. This includes the use of any member of their personnel who may be detailed or seconded to the AMLC, subject to existing laws and Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Detailed personnel shall continue to receive their salaries, benefits and emoluments from their respective mother units. Seconded personnel shall receive, in lieu of their respective compensation packages from their respective mother units, the salaries, emoluments and all other benefits to which their AMLC Secretariat positions are entitled to.

Rule 8.4. Confidentiality Provisions. - The members of the AMLC, the Executive Director, and all the members of the Secretariat, whether permanent, on detail or on secondment, shall not reveal, in any manner, any information known to them by reason of their office. This prohibition shall apply even after their separation from the AMLA. In case of violation of this provision, the person shall be punished in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Central Bank Act.

RULE 9
Prevention of Money Laundering;
Customer Identification Requirements and Record Keeping

Rule 9.1. Customer Identification Requirements

Rule 9.1.a. Customer Identification. - Covered institutions shall establish and record the true identity of its clients based on official documents. They shall maintain a system of verifying the true identity of their clients and, in case of corporate clients, require a system of verifying their legal existence and organizational structure, as well as the authority and identification of all persons purporting to act on their behalf. Covered institutions shall establish appropriate systems and methods based on internationally compliant standards and adequate internal controls for verifying and recording the true and full identity of their customers.

For this purpose, they shall develop clear customer acceptance policies and procedures when conducting business relations or specific transactions, such as, but not limited to, opening deposit accounts, accepting deposit substitutes, entering into trust and other fiduciary transactions, renting safety deposit boxes, performing remittances and other large cash transactions.

Rule 9.1.b. Trustee, Nominee and Agent Accounts. - When dealing with customers who are acting as trustee, nominee, agent or in any capacity for and on behalf of another, covered institutions shall verify and record the true and full identity of the person(s) on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted. Covered institutions shall also establish and record the true and full identity of such trustees, nominees, agents and other persons and the nature of their capacity and duties. In case a covered institution has doubts as to whether such persons are being used as dummies in circumvention of existing laws, it shall immediately make the necessary inquiries to verify the status of the business relationship between the parties.

Rule 9.1.c. Minimum Information/Documents Required for Individual Customers. - Covered institutions shall require customers to produce original documents of identity issued by an official authority, bearing a photograph of the customer. Examples of such documents are identity cards and passports. The following minimum information/documents shall be obtained from individual customers:
(1) Name;
(2) Present address;
(3) Permanent address;
(4) Date and place of birth;
(5) Nationality;
(6) Nature of work and name of employer or nature of self-employment/business;
(7) Contact numbers;
(8) Tax identification number, Social Security System number or Government Service and Insurance System number;
(9) Specimen signature;
(10) Source of fund(s); and
(11) Names of beneficiaries in case of insurance contracts and whenever applicable.

Rule 9.1.d. Minimum Information/Documents Required for Corporate and Juridical Entities. - Before establishing business relationships, covered institutions shall endeavor to ensure that the customer is a corporate or juridical entity which has not been or is not in the process of being, dissolved, wound up or voided or that its business or operations has not been or is not in the process of being closed, shut down, phased out, or terminated. Dealings with shell companies and corporations, being legal entities which have no business substance in their own right but through which financial transactions may be conducted, should be undertaken with extreme caution. The following minimum information/documents shall be obtained from customers that are corporate or juridical entities, including shell companies and corporations:
(1) Articles of Incorporation/Partnership;
(2) By-laws;
(3) Official address or principal business address;
(4) List of directors/partners;
(5) List of principal stockholders owning at least two percent (2%) of the capital stock;
(6) Contact numbers;
(7) Beneficial owners, if any; and
(8) Verification of the authority and identification of the person purporting to act on behalf of the client.

Rule 9.1.e. Prohibition against Certain Accounts. Covered institutions shall maintain accounts only in the true and full name of the account owner or holder. The provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding, anonymous accounts, accounts under fictitious names, and all other similar accounts shall be absolutely prohibited.

Rule 9.1.f. Prohibition against opening of Accounts without Face-to-face Contact. - No new accounts shall be opened and created without face-to-face contact and full compliance with the requirements under Rule 9.1.c of these Rules.

Rule 9.1.g. Numbered Accounts. - Peso and foreign currency non-checking numbered accounts shall be allowed: *Provided*, That the true identity of the customers of all peso and foreign currency non-checking numbered accounts are satisfactorily established based on official and other reliable documents and records, and that the information and documents required under the provisions of these Rules are obtained and recorded by the covered institution. No peso and foreign currency non-checking accounts shall be allowed without the establishment of such identity and in the manner herein provided. The BSP may conduct annual testing for the purpose of determining the existence and true identity of the owners of such accounts. The SEC and the IC may conduct similar testing more often than once a year and covering such other related purposes as may be allowed under their respective charters.

Rule 9.2. Record Keeping Requirements.

Rule 9.2.a. Record Keeping: Kinds of Records and Period for Retention. – All records of all transactions of covered institutions shall be maintained and safely stored for five (5) years from the dates of transactions. Said records and files shall contain the full and true identity of the owners or holders of the accounts involved in the covered transactions and all other customer identification documents. Covered institutions shall undertake the necessary adequate security measures to ensure the confidentiality of such file. Covered institutions shall prepare and maintain documentation, in accordance with the aforementioned client identification requirements, on their customer accounts, relationships and transactions such that any account, relationship or transaction can be so reconstructed as to enable the AMLC, and/or the courts to establish an audit trail for money laundering.

Rule 9.2.b. Existing and New Accounts and New Transactions. - All records of existing and new accounts and of new transactions shall be maintained and safely stored for five (5) years from October 17, 2001 or from the dates of the accounts or transactions, whichever is later.

Rule 9.2.c. Closed Accounts. With respect to closed accounts, the records on customer identification, account files and business correspondence shall be preserved and safely stored for at least five (5) years from the dates when they were closed.

Rule 9.2.d. Retention of Records in Case a Money Laundering Case has been Filed in Court. – If a money laundering case based on any record kept by the covered institution concerned has been filed in court, said file must be retained beyond the period stipulated in the three (3) immediately preceding sub-Rules, as the case may be, until it is confirmed that the case has been finally resolved or terminated by the court.

Rule 9.2.e. Form of Records. – Records shall be retained as originals in such forms as are admissible in court pursuant to existing laws and the applicable rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.

Rule 9.3. Reporting of Covered Transactions.

Rule 9.3.a. Covered Transaction Report Form. - The Covered Transaction Report (CTR) shall be in the form prescribed by the appropriate supervising authority and approved by the AMLC. It shall be signed by the employee(s) who dealt directly with the customer in the transaction and/or who made the initial internal report within the covered institution, the compliance officer or his equivalent, and a senior official of the covered institution with a rank not lower than senior vice-president. The CTR shall be filed with the AMLC in a central location, to be determined by the AMLC, as indicated in the instructions on the CTR form.

Rule 9.3.b. Period of Reporting of Covered Transactions. - Covered institutions shall report to the AMLC all covered transactions within five (5) working days from occurrence thereof, unless the Supervising Authority concerned prescribes a longer period not exceeding ten (10) working days.

Rule 9.3.c. Exemption from Bank Secrecy Laws. – When reporting covered transactions to the AMLC, banks and their officers, employees, representatives, agents, advisors, consultants or associates shall not be deemed to have violated R.A. No. 1405, as amended, R.A. No. 6426, as amended, R.A. No. 8791 and other similar laws.

Rule 9.3.d. Confidentiality Provisions. – When reporting covered transactions or suspicious transactions to the AMLC, covered institutions and their officers, employees, representatives, agents, advisors, consultants or associates are prohibited from communicating, directly or indirectly, in any manner or by any means, to any person, entity, or the media, the fact that a covered transaction report was made, the contents thereof, or any other information in relation thereto. Neither may such reporting be published or aired in any manner or form by the mass media, electronic mail, or other similar devices. In case of violation hereof, the concerned officer, employee, representative, agent, advisor, consultant or associate of the covered institution, or media shall be held criminally liable.

Rule 9.3.e. Safe Harbor Provisions. – No administrative, criminal or civil proceedings shall lie against any covered institution, their personnel, directors or officers or any person for having made a covered transaction report or a suspicious transaction report in the regular performance of his duties and in good faith, whether or not such reporting results in any criminal prosecution under this Act or any other Philippine law.

RULE 10
Authority to Freeze Accounts

Rule 10.1. When a Freeze Order may be Issued by the AMLC. –

Rule 10.1.a. The AMLC is authorized under Sections 7 (6) and 10 of the AMLA to freeze any account or any monetary instrument or property subject thereof, irrespective of the amount or value involved, upon determination that probable cause exists that the same is in any way related to any unlawful activity and/or money laundering offense. The AMLC may issue a freeze order on any account or any monetary instrument or property subject thereof prior to the institution, or in the course of, the criminal proceedings involving the unlawful activity and/or money laundering offense to which said account, monetary instrument or property is any way related.

Rule 10.1.b. The freeze order on such account shall be effective immediately for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days.

Rule 10.2. Definition of Probable Cause. - Probable cause includes such facts and circumstances which would lead a reasonably discreet, prudent or cautious man to believe that an unlawful activity and/or a money laundering offense is about to be, is being or has been committed and that the account or any monetary instrument or property subject thereof sought to be frozen is in any way related to said unlawful activity and/or money laundering offense.

Rule 10.3. Remedy when AMLC is Unable to Secure Addresses of Account Owners/Holders. – If, after exercising diligence in obtaining the addresses of the owners or holders of the accounts sought to be frozen, the AMLC is not able to secure said addresses, and there is extreme urgency necessitating the immediate issuance of the freeze orders, the covered institution concerned shall, upon request of the AMLC, supply the needed addresses based on their updated records. If, notwithstanding this procedure, the needed addresses cannot be obtained, service of the freeze order on the owners or holders of the subject accounts shall be deemed made upon notice by the bank on them that their accounts have been frozen in accordance with the order of the AMLC.

Rule 10.4. Procedure for Service of Freeze Order and Duty of Covered Institution upon Receipt Thereof. –

Rule 10.4.a. The AMLC shall serve notice of the freeze order upon the covered institution concerned and the owner or holder of the account, simultaneously with the issuance thereof.

Rule 10.4.b. Upon receipt of the notice of the freeze order, the covered institution concerned shall immediately freeze the account and the monetary instrument or property subject thereof.

Rule 10.4.c. Within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the freeze order, the covered institution concerned shall submit to the AMLC, by personal delivery, a detailed written return on the freeze order, specifying the account number, name of the account owner or holder, the balance of the account as of the time it was frozen, and the time when the freeze thereon was effectuated.

Rule 10.4.d. The return shall likewise include the information on the web of subsequent accounts whose funds originate from the account(s) subject to the freeze order(s).

Rule 10.4.e. Considering the intricate and diverse web of related and interlocking accounts that any person may open or create in the different covered institutions, their branches and/or other units, the AMLC may order the freezing, not only of the accounts in the names of the reported account owner(s)/holder(s), or accounts under the account numbers indicated in the freeze orders and/or resolution of the AMLC directing the issuance thereof, but also all other subsequent accounts whose funds originate from the account(s) subject to the freeze order(s).

Rule 10.5. Notice to Account Owner/Holder. - The owner/holder of the account or depositor so notified shall have a non-extendible period of seventy-two (72) hours upon receipt of the notice to explain why the freeze order should be lifted. Such explanation shall be in writing and verified. Failure of the owner or holder of the account to file such verified explanation shall be deemed a waiver of his right to question the freeze order.

Rule 10.6. Filing and Service of Pleadings. –

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10.6.a. When to file. - In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these Rules, if the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday, the time shall not run until the next working day.

10.6.b. Personal Service. - Service of pleadings shall be made by delivering personally a copy to the party/ies involved or his/their counsel, or by leaving it in his office with his clerk or with a person having charge thereof. If no person is found in his office, or his office is not known, or he has no office, then by leaving the copy, between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening, at the party's or counsel's residence, if known, with a person of sufficient age and discretion then residing therein.

Rule 10.7. Procedure for Determination of whether Freeze Order should be Lifted. - The AMLC shall have seventy-two (72) hours to dispose of the depositor's explanation. If it fails to act within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of the depositor's explanation, the freeze order shall automatically be dissolved. However, the covered institution shall not lift the effects of the freeze order without securing official confirmation from the AMLC. Before the fifteen (15)-day period expires, the AMLC may apply in court for an extension of said period. Upon the timely filing of such application and pending the decision of the court to extend the period, said period shall be suspended and the freeze order shall remain effective.

Rule 10.8. Violation of Procedures. - Any violation of any of the foregoing procedures shall constitute an unsafe and unsound business practice that may justify administrative sanctions to be imposed by supervising authorities on the covered institutions under their respective jurisdictions.

Rule 10.9. Prohibition against Issuance of Temporary Restraining Orders. - No court shall issue a temporary restraining order or writ of injunction against any freeze order issued by the AMLC or any court order extending period of effectivity of the freeze order except the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court.

Rule 10.10. Prohibition against Issuance of Freeze Orders against Candidates for an Electoral Office during Election Period. - No assets shall be frozen to the prejudice of a candidate for an electoral office during an election period.

RULE 11.
Authority to Inquire into Bank Deposits.

Rule 11.1. Authority to Inquire into Bank Deposits. - Notwithstanding the provisions of Republic Act No. 1405, as amended; Republic Act No. 6426, as amended; Republic Act No. 8791, and other laws, the AMLC may inquire into or examine any particular deposit or investment with any banking institution or non-bank financial institution upon order of any competent court in cases of violation of this Act when it has been established that there is probable cause that the deposits or investments involved are in any way related to a money laundering offense.

Rule 11.2. The AMLC may file the application for authority to inquire into or examine any particular deposit or investment of any banking institution or non-bank financial institution in court, regardless of the amount involved, prior to the institution or in the course of, the criminal proceedings involving the unlawful activity and/or money laundering offense to which said bank deposit or investment is in any way related. For purposes of this Rule, probable cause includes such facts and circumstances which would lead a reasonably discreet, prudent or cautious man to believe that an unlawful activity and/or a money laundering offense is about to be, is being or has been committed and that the bank deposit or investment sought to be inquired into or examined is in any way related to said unlawful activity and/or money laundering offense.

Rule 11.2.a. Pursuant to Section 7 (2) of the AMLA, the AMLC may issue orders addressed to the BSP or the covered institution to determine the true identity of the owner of any monetary instrument or property subject of a covered transaction report or request for assistance from a foreign State, or believed by the Council, on the basis of substantial evidence, to be, in whole or in part, wherever located, representing, involving, or related to, directly or indirectly, in any manner or by any means, the proceeds of an unlawful activity.

Rule 11.2.b. Pursuant to Section 7 (2) of the AMLA and considering that no secrecy law applies to transactions with covered institutions under the jurisdiction of the SEC and the IC, the AMLC may issue orders addressed to the SEC or IC or the covered institution to make any kind of determination or inquiry or to require any kind of disclosure regarding any monetary instrument or property subject of a covered transaction report or request for assistance from a foreign State, or believed by the Council, on the basis of substantial evidence, to be, in whole or in part, wherever located, representing, involving, or related to, directly or indirectly, in any manner or by any means, the proceeds of an unlawful activity.

Rule 11.3. Limitation on Authority to Inquire into Bank Deposits. - The provisions of Section 11 of the AMLA and Rule 11 of these Rules shall not apply to deposits and investments that were opened or created prior to the effectivity of the AMLA on October 17, 2001. Hence, no covered transaction reports, investigation and prosecution of money laundering cases, or any other action authorized under the AMLA, may be undertaken with respect to such deposits and investments as well as transactions or circumstances in relation thereto, that have been completed prior to October 17, 2001. However, the AMLA and these Rules shall apply to all transactions occurring, initiated or commenced on or after October 17, 2001, although said transactions relate to or involve deposit accounts and investment accounts opened or created prior to October 17, 2001.

RULE 12
Forfeiture Provisions

Rule 12.1. Authority to Institute Civil Forfeiture Proceedings. – The AMLC is authorized under Section 7 (3) of the AMLA to institute civil forfeiture proceedings and all other remedial proceedings through the Office of the Solicitor General.

Rule 12.2. When Civil Forfeiture may be Applied. – When there is a covered transaction report made pursuant to Section 9 (c) or a suspicious transaction report made pursuant to Section 7 (5) and the court has, in a petition filed for the purpose, ordered the seizure of any monetary instrument or property, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, related to said report, the Revised Rules of Court on civil forfeiture shall apply.

Rule 12.3. Claim on Forfeited Assets. - Where the court has issued an order of forfeiture of the monetary instrument or property in a criminal prosecution for any money laundering offense under Section 4 of the AMLA, the offender or any other person claiming an interest therein may apply, by verified petition, for a declaration that the same legitimately belongs to him, and for segregarion or exclusion of the monetary instrument or property corresponding thereto. The verified petition shall be filed with the court which rendered the judgment of conviction and order of forfeiture within fifteen (15) days from the date of the order of forfeiture, in default of which the said order shall become final and executory. This provision shall apply in both civil and criminal forfeiture.

Rule 12.4. Payment in lieu of Forfeiture. - Where the court has issued an order of forfeiture of the monetary instrument or property subject of a money laundering offense under Section 4 of the AMLA, and said order cannot be enforced because any particular monetary instrument or property cannot, with due diligence, be located, or it has been substantially altered, destroyed, diminished in value or otherwise rendered worthless by any act or omission, directly or indirectly, attributable to the offender, or it has been concealed, removed, converted or otherwise transferred to prevent the same from being found or to avoid forfeiture thereof, or it is located outside the Philippines or has been placed or brought outside the jurisdiction of the court, or it has been commingled with other monetary instruments or property belonging to either the offender himself or a third person or entity, thereby rendering the same difficult to identify or be segregated for purposes of forfeiture, the court may, instead of enforcing the order of forfeiture of the monetary instrument or property or part thereof or interest therein, accordingly order the convicted offender to pay an amount equal to the value of said monetary instrument or property. This provision shall apply in both civil and criminal forfeiture.

RULE 13
Mutual Assistance among States

Rule 13.1. Request for Assistance from a Foreign State. - Where a foreign state makes a request for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of a money laundering offense, the AMLC may execute the request or refuse to execute the same and inform the foreign state of any valid reason for not executing the request or for delaying the execution thereof. The principles of mutuality and reciprocity shall, for this purpose, be at all times recognized.

Rule 13.2. Powers of the AMLC to Act on a Request for Assistance from a Foreign State. - The AMLC may execute a request for assistance from a foreign state by: (1) tracking down, freezing, restraining and seizing assets alleged to be proceeds of any unlawful activity under the procedures laid down in the AMLA and in these Rules; (2) giving information needed by the foreign state within the procedures laid down in the AMLA and in these Rules; and (3) applying for an order of forfeiture of any monetary instrument or property in the court: *Provided,* That the court shall not issue such an order unless the application is accompanied by an authenticated copy of the order of a court in the requesting state ordering the forfeiture of said monetary instrument or property of a person who has been convicted of a money laundering offense in the requesting state, and a certification or an affidavit of a competent officer of the requesting state stating that the conviction and the order of forfeiture are final and that no further appeal lies in respect of either.

Rule 13.3. Obtaining Assistance from Foreign States. - The AMLC may make a request to any foreign state for assistance in (1) tracking down, freezing, restraining and seizing assets alleged to be proceeds of any unlawful activity; (2) obtaining information that it needs relating to any covered transaction, money laundering offense or any other matter directly or indirectly related thereto; (3) to the extent allowed by the law of the foreign state, applying with the proper court therein for an order to enter any premises belonging to or in the possession or control of, any or all of the persons named in said request, and/or search any or all such persons named therein and/or remove any document, material or object named in said request: *Provided,* That the documents accompanying the request in support of the application have been duly authenticated in accordance with the applicable law or regulation of the foreign state; and (4) applying for an order of forfeiture of any monetary instrument or property in the proper court in the foreign state: *Provided,* That the request is accompanied by an authenticated copy of the order of the Regional Trial Court ordering the forfeiture of said monetary instrument or property of a convicted offender and an affidavit of the clerk of court stating that the conviction and the order of forfeiture are final and that no further appeal lies in respect of either.

Rule 13.4. Limitations on Requests for Mutual Assistance. - The AMLC may refuse to comply with any request for assistance where the action sought by the request contravenes any provision of the Constitution or the execution of a request is likely to prejudice the national interest of the Philippines, unless there is a treaty between the Philippines and the requesting state relating to the provision of assistance in relation to money laundering offenses.

Rule 13.5. Requirements for Requests for Mutual Assistance from Foreign States. - A request for mutual assistance from a foreign state must (1) confirm that an investigation or prosecution is being conducted in respect of a money launderer named therein or that he has been convicted of any money laundering offense; (2) state the grounds on which any person is being investigated or prosecuted for money laundering or the details of his conviction; (3) give sufficient particulars as to the identity of said person; (4) give particulars sufficient to identify any covered institution believed to have any information, document, material or object which may be of assistance to the investigation or prosecution; (5) ask from the covered institution concerned any information, document, material or object which may be of assistance to the investigation or prosecution; (6) specify the manner in which and to whom said information, document, material or object obtained pursuant to said request, is to be produced; (7) give all the particulars necessary for the issuance by the court in the requested state of the writs, orders or processes needed by the requesting state; and (8) contain such other information as may assist in the execution of the request.

Rule 13.1.6. Authentication of Documents. - For purposes of Section 13 (f) of the AMLA and Section 7 of the AMLA, a document is authenticated if the same is signed or certified by a judge, magistrate or equivalent officer in or of, the requesting state, and authenticated by the oath or affirmation of a witness or sealed with an official or public seal of a minister, secretary of state, or officer in or of, the government of the requesting state, or of the person administering the government or a department of the requesting territory, protectorate or colony. The certificate of authentication may also be made by a secretary of the embassy or legation, consul general, consul, vice consul, consular agent or any officer in the foreign service of the Philippines stationed in the foreign state in which the record is kept, and authenticated by the seal of his office.

Rule 13.7. Suppletory Application of the Revised Rules of Court. –

Rule 13.7.1. For attachment of Philippine properties in the name of persons convicted of any unlawful activity as defined in Section 3 (i) of the AMLA, execution and satisfaction of final judgments of forfeiture, application for examination of witnesses, procuring search warrants, production of bank documents and other materials and all other actions not specified in the AMLA and these Rules, and assistance for any of the aforementioned actions, which is subject of a request by a foreign state, resort may be had to the proceedings pertinent thereto under the Revised Rules of Court.

Rule 13.7.2. Authority to Assist the United Nations and other International Organizations and Foreign States. – The AMLC is authorized under Section 7 (8) and 13 (b) and (d) of the AMLA to receive and take action in respect of any request of foreign states for assistance in their own anti-money laundering operations. It is also authorized under Section 7 (7) of the AMLA to cooperate with the National Government and/or take appropriate action in respect of conventions, resolutions and other directives of the United Nations (UN), the UN Security Council, and other international organizations of which the Philippines is a member. However, the AMLC may refuse to comply with any such request, convention, resolution or directive where the action sought therein contravenes the provision of the Constitution or the execution thereof is likely to prejudice the national interest of the Philippines.

Rule 13.1.8. Extradition. – The Philippines shall negotiate for the inclusion of money laundering offenses as defined under Section 4 of the AMLA among the extraditable offenses in all future treaties. With respect, however, to the state parties that are signatories to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime that was ratified by the Philippine Senate on October 22, 2001, money laundering is deemed to be included as an extraditable offense in any extradition treaty existing between said state parties, and the Philippines shall include money laundering as an extraditable offense in every extradition treaty that may be concluded between the Philippines and any of said state parties in the future.

RULE 14
Penal Provisions

Rule 14.1. Penalties for the Crime of Money Laundering.

Rule 14.1.a. Penalties under Section 4 (a) of the AMLA. - The penalty of imprisonment ranging from seven (7) to fourteen (14) years and a fine of not less than Three Million Philippine Pesos (Php3,000,000.00) but not more than twice the value of the monetary instrument or property involved in the offense, shall be imposed upon a person convicted under Section 4 (a) of the AMLA.

Rule 14.1.b. Penalties under Section 4 (b) of the AMLA. - The penalty of imprisonment from four (4) to seven (7) years and a fine of not less than One Million Five Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php1,500,000.00) but not more than Three Million Philippine Pesos (Php3,000,000.00), shall be imposed upon a person convicted under Section 4 (b) of the AMLA.

Rule 14.1.c. Penalties under Section 4 (c) of the AMLA. - The penalty of imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years or a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php100,000.00) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php500,000.00), or both, shall be imposed on a person convicted under Section 4(c) of the AMLA.

Rule 14.2. Penalties for Failure to Keep Records under Section 9 (b) of the AMLA. - The penalty of imprisonment from six (6) months to one (1) year or a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php100,000.00) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php500,000.00), or both, shall be imposed on a person convicted under Section 9 (b) of the AMLA.

Rule 14.3. Penalties for Malicious Reporting. - Any person who, with malice, or in bad faith, reports or files a completely unwarranted or false information relative to money laundering transaction against any person shall be subject to a penalty of six (6) months to four (4) years imprisonment and a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php100, 000.00) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php500,000.00), at the discretion of the court: *Provided,* That the offender is not entitled to avail the benefits of the Probation Law.

Rule 14.4. Where Offender is a Juridical Person. - If the offender is a corporation, association, partnership or any juridical person, the penalty shall be imposed upon the responsible officers, as the case may be, who participated in the commission of the crime or who shall have knowingly permitted or failed to prevent its commission. If the offender is a juridical person, the court may suspend or revoke its license. If the offender is an alien, he shall, in addition to the penalties herein prescribed, be deported without further proceedings after serving the penalties herein prescribed. If the offender is a public official or employee, he shall, in addition to the penalties prescribed herein, suffer perpetual or temporary absolute disqualification from office, as the case may be.

Rule 14.5. Refusal by a Public Official or Employee to Testify. - Any public official or employee who is called upon to testify and refuses to do the same or purposely fails to testify shall suffer the same penalties prescribed herein.

Rule 14.6. Penalties for Breach of Confidentiality. – The punishment of imprisonment ranging from three (3) to eight (8) years and a fine of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php500,000.00) but not more than One Million Philippine Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00), shall be imposed on a person convicted for a violation under Section 9(c) of the AMLA.

RULE 15
System of Incentives and Rewards

Rule 15.1. Authority to Establish System of Incentives and Rewards. – The AMLC is authorized under Section 15 of the AMLA to establish a system of special incentives and rewards to be given to the appropriate government agency and its personnel that led and initiated the investigation, prosecution, and conviction of persons involved in money laundering offenses under Section 4 of the AMLA.

Rule 15.2. Establishment of System of Incentives and Rewards for Covered Institutions and their Personnel - Pursuant to its powers under Section 7 (7) of the AMLA, the AMLC shall establish a system of special incentives and rewards to be given to the appropriate covered institutions and their personnel that led to the investigation, prosecution, and conviction of persons involved in money laundering offenses under Section 4 of the AMLA.

RULE 16
Prohibitions Against Political Harassment

Rule 16.1. Prohibition against Political Persecution. – The AMLA and these Rules shall not be used for political persecution or harassment or as an instrument to hamper competition in trade and commerce. No case for money laundering may be filed to the prejudice of a candidate for an electoral office during an election period.

Rule 16.2. Provisional Remedies Application; Exception. -

Rule 16.2.a. - The AMLC may apply, in the course of the criminal proceedings, for provisional remedies to prevent the monetary instrument or property subject thereof from being removed, concealed, converted, commingled with other property or otherwise to prevent its being found or taken by the applicant or otherwise placed or taken beyond the jurisdiction of the court. However, no assets shall be attached to the prejudice of a candidate for an electoral office during an election period.

Rule 16.2.b. Where there is conviction for money laundering under Section 4 of the AMLA, the court shall issue a judgment of forfeiture in favor of the Government of the Philippines with respect to the monetary instrument or property found to be proceeds of one or more unlawful activities. However, no assets shall be forfeited to the prejudice of a candidate for an electoral office during an election period.

RULE 17
Restitution

Rule 17. Restitution. - Restitution for any aggrieved party shall be governed by the provisions of the New Civil Code.

RULE 18
Implementing Rules and Regulations and Money Laundering Prevention Programs

Rule 18.1. Implementing Rules and Regulations. –

Rule 18.1.a. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of these Rules, the BSP, the IC and the SEC shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the AMLA, which shall be submitted to the Congressional Oversight Committee for approval.

Rule 18.1.b. The Supervising Authorities, the BSP, the SEC and the IC shall, under their own respective charters and regulatory authority, issue their Guidelines and Circulars on anti-money laundering to effectively implement the provisions of the AMLA.

Rule 18.2. Money Laundering Prevention Programs. –

Rule 18.2.a. Covered institutions shall formulate their respective money laundering prevention programs in accordance with Section 9 and other pertinent provisions of the AMLA and these Rules, including, but not limited to, information dissemination on money laundering activities and their prevention, detection and reporting, and the training of responsible officers and personnel of covered institutions, subject to such guidelines as may be prescribed by their respective supervising authority. Every covered institution shall submit its own money laundering program to the supervising authority concerned within the non-extendible period that the supervising authority has imposed in the exercise of its regulatory powers under its own charter.

Rule 18.2.b. Every money laundering program shall establish detailed procedures implementing a comprehensive, institution-wide "know-your-client" policy, set-up an effective dissemination of information on money laundering activities and their prevention, detection and reporting, adopt internal policies, procedures and controls, designate compliance officers at management level, institute adequate screening and recruitment procedures, and set-up an audit function to test the system.

Rule 18.2.c. Covered institutions shall adopt, as part of their money laundering programs, a system of flagging and monitoring transactions that qualify as suspicious transactions, regardless of amount or covered transactions involving amounts below the threshold to facilitate the process of aggregating them for purposes of future reporting of such transactions to the AMLC when their aggregated amounts breach the threshold. All covered institutions, including banks insofar as non-deposit and non-government bond investment transactions are concerned, shall incorporate in their money laundering programs the provisions of these Rules and such other guidelines for reporting to the AMLC of all transactions that engender the reasonable belief that a money laundering offense is about to be, is being, or has been committed.

Rule 18.2. Training of Personnel. - Covered institutions shall provide all their responsible officers and personnel with efficient and effective training and continuing education programs to enable them to fully comply with all their obligations under the AMLA and these Rules.

Rule 18.3. Amendments. - These Rules or any portion thereof may be amended by unanimous vote of the members of the AMLC and submitted to the Congressional Oversight Committee as provided for under Section 19 of the AMLA.

RULE 19
Congressional Oversight Committee

Rule 19.1. Composition of Congressional Oversight Committee. - There is hereby created a Congressional Oversight Committee composed of seven (7) members from the Senate and seven (7) members from the House of Representatives. The members from the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate President based on the proportional representation of the parties or coalitions therein with at least two (2) Senators representing the minority. The members from the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker also based on proportional representation of the parties or coalitions therein with at least two (2) members representing the minority.

Rule 19.2. Powers of the Congressional Oversight Committee. - The Oversight Committee shall have the power to promulgate its own rules, to oversee the implementation of this Act, and to review or revise the implementing rules issued by the Anti-Money Laundering Council within thirty (30) days from the promulgation of the said rules.

RULE 20
Appropriations For and Budget of the AMLC

Rule 20.1. Budget. – The budget of Php25,000,000.00 appropriated by Congress under the AMLA shall be used to defray the initial operational expenses of the AMLC. Appropriations for succeeding years shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The BSP shall advance the funds necessary to defray the capital outlay, maintenance and other operating expenses and personnel services of the AMLC subject to reimbursement from the budget of the AMLC as appropriated under the AMLA and subsequent appropriations.

Rule 20.2. Costs and Expenses. - The budget shall answer for indemnification for legal costs and expenses reasonably incurred for the services of external counsel in connection with any civil, criminal or administrative action, suit or proceedings to which members of the AMLC and the Executive Director and other members of the Secretariat may be made a party by reason of the performance of their functions or duties. The costs and expenses incurred in defending the aforementioned action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the AMLC in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the member to repay the amount advanced should it be ultimately determined that said member is not entitled to such indemnification.

RULE 21
Separability Clause

Rule 21. Separability Clause. – If any provision of these Rules or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the other provisions of these Rules, and the application of such provision or Rule to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

RULE 22
Repealing Clause

Rule 22. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, including the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 1405, as amended; Republic Act No. 6426, as amended; Republic Act No. 8791, as amended, and other similar laws, as are inconsistent with the AMLA, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

RULE 23
Effectivity of The Rules

Rule 23.1. Effectivity. – These Rules shall take effect after its approval by the Congressional Oversight Committee and fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Rule 23.2. Limitations of the Rules. - The provisions of Section 11 of the AMLA and Rule 11 of these Rules shall not apply to deposits and investments that were opened or created prior to the effectivity of the AMLA on October 17, 2001. Hence, no covered transaction reports, investigation and prosecution of money laundering cases, or any other action authorized under the AMLA, may be undertaken with respect to such deposits and investments as well as transactions or circumstances in relation thereto, that have been completed prior to October 17, 2001. However, the AMLA and these Rules shall apply to all transactions occurring, initiated or commenced on or after October 17, 2001, although said transactions relate to or involve bank accounts and investment accounts opened or created prior to October 17, 2001.

APPROVED, this 8th day of March, 2002 in the City of Manila.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Interested bidders are requested to submit a Letter of Intent and updated Pre-C to the Chairman, Prequalification Bids and Awards Committee, prior to the Issuance of the Plans and Bid Documents.

The Contract shall include the complete construction of the said five storey building with a total floor area of around 63,000 square meters

Including the following items of work:

- Foundation works including bored piles
- Concrete Works
- Structural Excavation Works
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- Steel Works
- Architectural Works
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- Pre-stressed Concrete
- Sanitary Works including WWTP

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Equipment Type	Quantity	Availability
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Dump Trucks 5 cu.m. Cap.	4 units	owned
Back Hoe (crawler type) 0.5m³ Cap.	3 units	owned
Payloader	2 units	owned
Concrete Mixers (transit - 5-6 m³)	4 units	owned or leased
Concrete Batching Plant 60m³/hr.	1 unit	owned or leased
Concrete Pump	2 units	owned or leased
Tower Cranes, 5 tons	2 units	owned or leased
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Welding Machine 300 Amp	2 units	owned
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Dates and Deadline for Submission of the following documents

	Dates	Time	Place
Submittal of Letter of Intent & Issuance of Pre-C	March 27 to April 3, 2002	8:00 - 5:00	PEO
Deadline of Submission of Pre-C documents	April 12, 2002	8:00 - 5:00	PEO
Issuance of Notice to Prequalified Contractor	May 10, 2002	8:00 - 5:00	PEO
Issuance of Plans & Bid Documents	May 27 & 28, 2002	8:00 - 5:00	PEO
Pre-bidding Conference	July 11, 2002	2:00 PM	PGO
Dropping of Bids	July 19, 2002	9:00 - 10:00 AM	PGO
Opening of Bids	July 19, 2002	10:30 AM	PGO

Set of Plans and related documents can be obtained from the Office of the Provincial Engineer upon Payment of a non-refundable amount of P35,000.00.

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The Province of Cebu reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waives any defect contained therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) PABLO P. GARCIA
Governor
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Province of Cebu

(PDI - March 14, 18 & 21, 2002)

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ in me. I now live my mortal life through faith in the son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:19-20

The Orient Group
Announce with deep sorrow the passing away of our beloved
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CESAR SEVILLA VIRAY

at the age of 45
(August 14, 1956 – March 16, 2002)

Who peacefully joined his Creator on March 16, 2002
at 11:00 a.m. at St. Lukes Medical Center.

His loving wife **Josephine "Jojo" P. Viray** and only daughter **Jan Corazon P. Viray**; father **Tomas J. Viray**; brother **Celso**; sisters **Toots** and **Gigi**; in-laws, nephews and nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel at Doña Juana St., New Manila, Quezon City. To be transferred to The Lord of the Divine Mercy Parish at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Interment will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at the Family Mausoleum, Himlayang Pilipino Tandang Sora, Quezon City after the 12:00 nn. Holy Mass at The Lord of Divine Mercy Parish, Madasalin cor. Maamo Sts., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City.

We remember our loved one to have lived his
Life according to these lines:

"I expect to pass this world but once
Any good thing therefore that I can do,
or any kindness I can show to my fellowmen
Let me do it now
Let me not defer or neglect it
For I shall not pass this way again"

In Loving Memory
On the 19th Death Anniversary of

CONRADO C. ALCANTARA

who passed away on March 19, 1983

Mrs. Ladislawa I. Alcantara and children invite relatives and friends to share in The offering of the Holy Mass tomorrow for the eternal repose of his soul at the Following:

Manila Memorial Park, *Sucat Parañaque*	3:30 PM
Santuario de San Antonio Parish, *Makati City*	6:15 AM
St. Andrew Parish Church, *Parañaque City*	6:30 AM
Our Mother of Perpetual Help, *Baclaran, Pasay City*	6:45 AM
Sta. Clara Parish, *P. Burgos, Pasay City*	8:00 AM
San Roque Parish Church, *Cabrera St., Pasay City*	6:00 PM
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Magallanes, *Makati City*	6:00 PM
San Juan Nepomuceno Parish, *Pasay City*	6:00 PM
Carmelite Monastery Church, *Lanang, Davao City*	6:00 AM
San Pablo Parish, Matina, *Davao City*	6:00 AM
San Pedro Cathedral, *San Pedro Street, Davao City*	12:00 NN
Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel, *C. Alcantara & Sons, Inc. Compound Lanang, Davao City*	3:00 PM
San Isidro Labrador Chapel, *Sto. Niño, Talaingod, Davao del Norte*	5:00 PM
St. Jude Parish, *Malvar Street, Davao City*	5:30 PM
Redemptorist Church, *J.P. Laurel Ave., Davao City*	5:30 PM
Sta. Ana Church, *Sta. Ana Avenue, Davao City*	5:30 PM
Assumption Church, *F. Torres Street, Davao City*	5:45 PM
Immaculate Conception Chapel, *Buayan, Alabel, Sarangani Province*	3:00 PM
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Her bereaved children **Joe** and **Lia Lopez**, **Theda** and **Rene Guce**, **Efren** and **Menchie Yrure**, **Nilda** and **Oscar Gozos**, **Amy** and **Lucien Sayuno**, **Roel** and **Marivic Galsim**, **Elsie** and **Honeyboy Sosa**, and **Myles** and **Suzette Leyesa**; grandchildren, great grandchild, relatives and friends mourn her passing and pray for her rebirth to eternal life.

Her remains lie in state at the Mercado Compound,
121 Mataas na Lupa, Lipa City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at Eternal Garden, Lipa City after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Cathedral de San Sebastian Lipa City.

We, the family of the departed, request prayers for the repose of her soul.

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By BONG BARRAMEDA

On deck

Q. Why are there 52 cards in a deck?

A. The number of cards in a modern deck was most likely influenced by the lunar year. There are as many cards as there are weeks in a year. also, the total sum of the cards -- counting aces as one, Jacks as 11, Queens as 12 and Kings as 13, is about the same as the number of days in the year. Nobody knows for certain where playing cards originated. The Chinese were mostly probably the first to use them, since they were the first people to use paper and paper money. The earliest reference to cards comes from the 10th century, during the time of the Liao Dynasty.

For the Record. The roots of poker go back almost 3,000 years to a game called *As*, which was played in Persia. Pairs, three-of-a-kind, full house and four-of-a-kind were all used, as well as the chief element of poker: bluff. The game was introduced to Europe during the Crusades and developed in Spain under the name *primero*.

Famous First. On February 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn, 41, circled the Earth three times in under five hours to become the first American to orbit the planet. After ten postponements because of bad weather and technical problems, Glenn's flight abroad the Mercury spacecraft Friendship7 went without hitch from blastoff at Cape Canaveral, Florida, to splashdown in the Atlantic near Puerto Rico. Glenn was a US Marine corps pilot in both World War II and the Korean War.

WORD WATCH

Astronaut (as truh nôt) : from the Greek *astron* ("star") + nautes ("sailor").

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The work calls for the supply of minor materials, labor, supervision, equipment, tools, consumables, and other services necessary to provide electrical power supply to the 10 Barangays situated in the Towns of MAKILALA and TULUNAN, COTABATO.

The pre-qualification/eligibility forms may be secured from the Contracts Administration Group (c/o Nas M. Corcuera) starting **MARCH 18, 2002**, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Hundred Pesos (PHP100.00).

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For purposes of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **APRIL 25, 2002**, 10:00 a.m. at the AJ HOTEL, Kidapawan, North Cotabato. Site inspection to follow thereafter.

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SEC to go after more firms, persons involved in BW scam

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission is preparing administrative charges against more than a hundred persons and companies it believes were involved in the BW Resources Corp. price manipulation scandal but were not indicted by the Department of Justice.

In a press briefing, SEC Chair Lilia Bautista added that the corporate watchdog was reviewing the list recommended by the DOJ for prosecution as well as its own pieces of evidence in connection with the BW scam.

The DOJ came up with a resolution last week recommending charges against BW shareholder Dante Tan, an ally of ousted President Estrada, plus seven other persons and three local stock brokerage houses for various violations of the Revised Securities Act.

Named by the DOJ as Tan's "associates" and "co-conspirators" in the worst price manipulation scandal in the history of the Philippine Stock Exchange were: Raul De Castro of A.T. De Castro Securities Corp.; Federico Galang of PCCI Securities Brokers Corp.; Eduardo Co of Aurora Securities; Jimmy Juan; Eduardo Lim; Hermogenes Laddaran; Mario Juan; and John/Jane Does of Belson Securities Inc., PCCI Securities Brokers Corp. and Securities 2000 Inc.

BW shares rose 5,000 percent to P107 on Oct. 11, 1999, from less than P2 at the start of that year on speculation that Macau casino tycoon Stanley Ho would invest in the company. The day after Ho's arrival, the share price of BW crashed.

"As a result, numerous investors were tricked and deceived into buying BW shares only to lose their investments and suffer damage when the price of BW shares collapsed for lack of corporate fundamentals to support investments in said shares, and which also caused damage to the stock market in general," the DOJ resolution said.

However, charges were dropped by the DOJ against a long list of other persons and institutions which the SEC earlier charged with violation of the RSA through the use of manipulative devices.

"The DOJ has recommended that cases should be filed against them but if the government wants others to be prosecuted, we must submit additional documents," Bautista said.

"It's thus up to us whether we want to pursue other charges. We have to review our evidence," she said.

But the other persons and companies dropped from the DOJ's list were not absolutely off the hook as Bautista said the SEC was now working on administrative cases and drawing up its own list.

Even without pursuing court cases, the SEC has the power to pursue administrative charges and penalize violators through fines and suspension.

Based on the third report filed by the SEC with the DOJ in February last year, it recommended 140 people and brokerage firms for prosecution in connection with the BW scandal. The SEC identified the following as the manipulative devices used:

- Hyping the stock;
- Wash sale, or the illegal trading of stocks without a change in beneficial ownership to make it appear that the stock was actively traded;
- Matched order, which occurs when a person, acting for himself or through a dealer or broker, enters orders for the purchase or sale of shares with a knowledge that simultaneous orders would create an appearance of active trading of the shares;
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Lopez company sees bright prospects for call-center unit

By Abigail L. Ho

LOPEZ-OWNED Customer Contact Center Inc. is expanding its seat capacity to 1,300 by the third quarter of this year as it aims to bag more outsourcing contracts from companies abroad.

C3 (C-cubed) currently has a capacity of 850 seats at its Eastwood City facility, the seventh for the Lopez group.

Other call center facilities are in Ortigas, Cebu and San Francisco. Almost all of the available seats are being used.

The call center facility now has eight local and five foreign clients: Sony Electronics, Calvin Klein, Samsung, HSBC, and Black and Decker household product manufacturer Applica Consumer Products.

But C3 president and chief executive Karen Batungbacal told reporters Friday that international demand would most likely spike within the year.

"International demand is larger than local demand. By year's end, our international business should be larger than the local business," she said.

She added that C3 would be closing deals with three more foreign clients—American and Japanese firms—by May.

As the Lopez-owned call center facility, and even the whole call center industry in the country, aims to attract more foreign clients, Batungbacal said educating potential customer service representatives (CSRs) in languages other than English was of utmost importance.

She said Europe was a big and lucrative market, but since Filipinos were not really educated in European languages, CSRs were more difficult to find here, making a prospective client's required seats harder to fill.

"We don't speak (British) English. We've also lost our Spanish, which is the third most widely spoken language in the world and the second most widely spoken language in North America. We need the government's help and Filipinos should also want to learn these languages," she said.

Batungbacal added that although Filipinos were better American English speakers than the country's toughest industry competitor, India, emphasis on English education should still remain.

"We can't be complacent in our English. We need to be able to constantly differentiate ourselves. We hope to meet with the (Department of Education) soon about educating our workforce. If we could be multilingual, we could retain and grow the call

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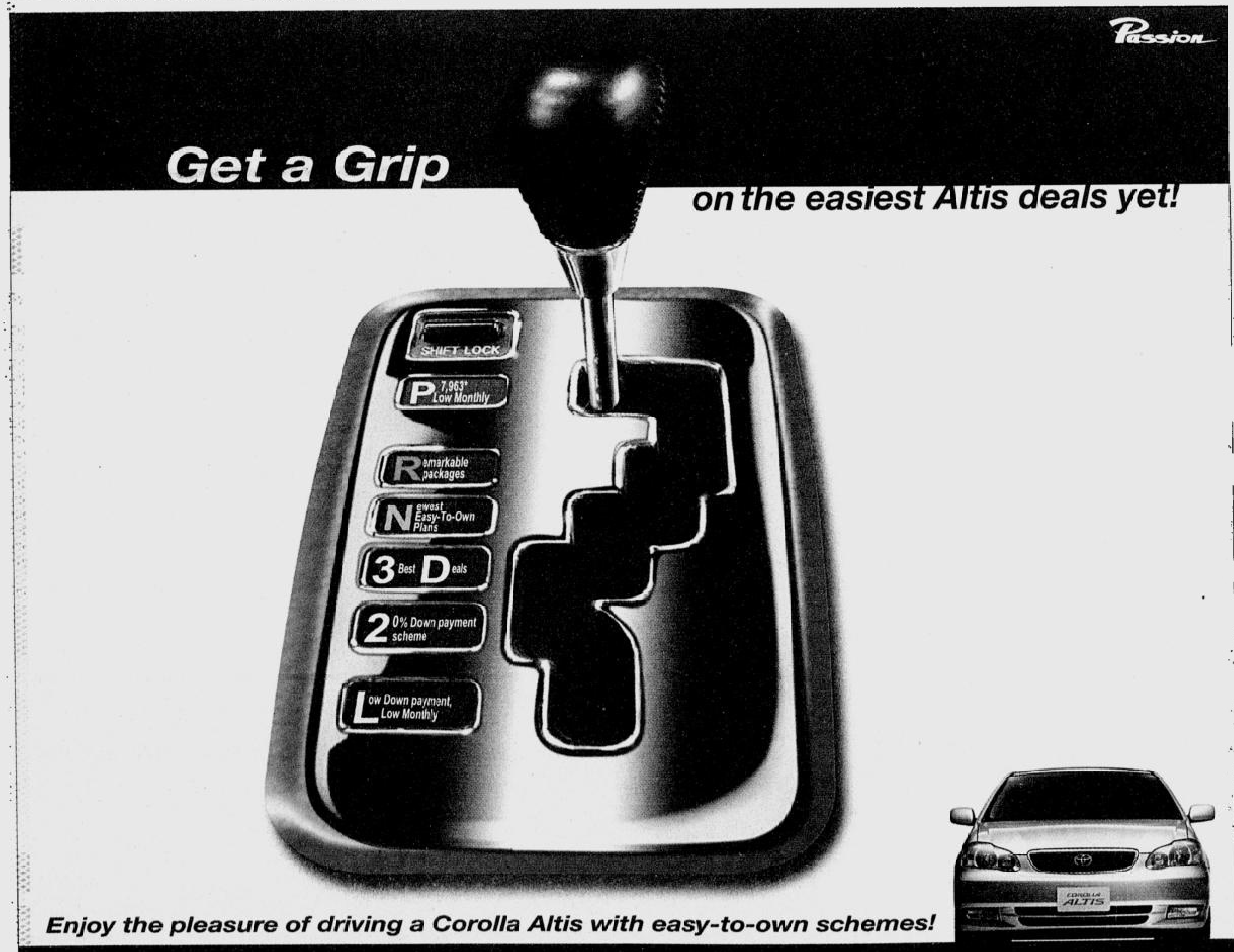

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The battle continues for top PSE post

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE ELECTORAL battle between brokers Vivian Yuchengco and Robert Coyiuto—arch rivals from long way back—did not end last Saturday after the Philippine Stock Exchange held its first stockholders' meeting and board elections after it demutualized.

The bitter fight between the two groups that reminds us of clan fights in folklore presents a baptism of fire for the PSE, barely a year after it had to demutualize or convert itself into a stock corporation in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code.

While Coyiuto succeeded in getting seats for all five candidates under his ticket during the brokers' polls as against Yuchengco's two seats, he lost to Yuchengco during the board meeting.

This was because most of the non-brokers or private-sector representatives who now control majority of the 15-member body voted Yuchengco as the new PSE chair by a slim 8-7 margin.

PSE president Ernest Leung, a former acting finance secretary and president of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. and highly respected in the business circle, was also caught in the web of PSE politics.

Hired by the previous board (where Coyiuto and Yuchengco were governors) to serve the unexpired term of ousted PSE president Ramon Garcia until this March, his qualifications were questioned based on a technicality.

The Securities and Exchange Commission upheld Leung's presidency but his problems are far from over. On the contrary, the leadership squabble continues to heat up.

After walking out of the board meeting on Saturday when Yuchengco was voted as chair, Coyiuto's group has threatened to go to court as well as to solicit support from majority of the stockholders to call for special elections to revamp the non-brokers.

Not able to contest the decision of the non-brokers to exercise their legal right to vote, the group is now questioning the election of the private-sector representatives.

The other broker-directors under the party of Coyiuto, who was chair of the PSE in 1994, were: Eddie Gobing of Lucky Securities (reelectionist); Federico Lim of Belson Securities; Harry Liu of Summit Securities (reelectionist and former PSE chair); and, Edwin Luy of Triton Securities.

Only Alicia Arroyo of RCBC Securities from Yuchengco's ticket made it to the board of governors, but she got the highest number of votes.

Meanwhile, the eight non-broker directors adopted as common candidates were: Leung; economist Cayetano Paderanga; constitutionalist Joaquin Bernas; ABS-CBN chair Eugenio Lopez III; former Meralco president Mario Camacho; former Philippine National Bank president Peter Favila; former Petron Corp. chair Monico Jacob; and former Customs Commissioner Tomas Apacible.

On Wednesday, about a hundred of Coyiuto's supporters staged a lightning rally at the Ortigas trading floor to protest Yuchengco's election as well as to call for the ouster of Leung.

It was at the same time that Yuchengco was taking her oath of office before President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang.

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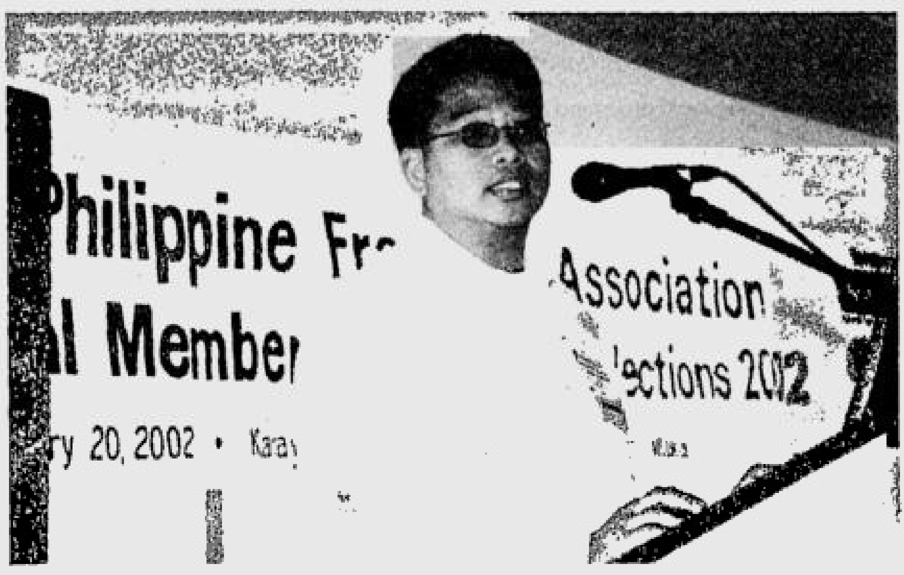

Joselito S. Limjap - Head, Transport & Access Service Products and Internet Services, presenting Virtual Private Network (VPN) for Retailers in the Philippine Franchise Association General Membership Meeting and Elections.

An exhibit featuring PLDT Business Solutions' products and services (such as PLDT's Brains, among others) was held during the recent Philippine Franchise Association (PFA) general membership meeting and elections in Makati City.

"In this economic climate, telecom companies are seeking ways to differentiate themselves by providing greater value to their customers," said Business Solutions Head Nerisse S. Ramos. "But the hard fact is that telecom, by its very nature, is prone to being a commodity business. The only way around such a contradiction is to tailor our service in such a way that it speaks to the special needs of a particular industry. VPN (virtual private network) for Retailers is PLDT's response to the retailers / franchisees special need. The warm response of the participants is an indication that VPN for Retailers is the exact communication solution that will make them competitive in their industry," Ramos added.

TASP 2 & Internet Products Head Joey Limjap discussed the networking solutions for franchisors. He presented Business Solutions products such as Virtual Private Network (VPN) for Retailers which offer services like Extranet and Intranet Access through PLDT Brains (Broad and Robust ATM and IP Networking Solution), access to other PLDT value-added services, Internet access, and others.

"This networking solution is an ideal network for retailers as it allows on-line transactions and inventory management among stores, warehouses and office headquarters," he said.

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The PFA, the national franchise organization in the country, is composed of the country's leading foreign and home-grown franchisors, service providers and suppliers to the industry. The general membership meeting was conducted as a high-level affair attended by foreign and local franchisors who elected the new board of trustees.

The company's delegation is led by Business Solution Center Head Nerisse S. Ramos. Aside from Joey Limjap, other attendees were Jun Darjuan, Chona Velasco, Katrina Luna, Cris Canares, George Gatan, Paul Villegas, Gerard de Guzman, Mark Reyes and Miki Yuhico.

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LGUGC and the emerging Philippine LGU bond market

MAPping THE FUTURE

Jesus G. Tirona

IT has been four years since the LGU Guarantee Corp. was put up to provide credit guarantee insurance for LGU debts sourced through direct loans from private banks or through bond floatation, the first of its kind in South and Southeast Asia.

It is time to take stock of what has been accomplished particularly in terms of the LGUs' access to capital funds and consequently the impact on countryside development.

To date, LGUGC has guaranteed eight bond issues of six LGUs for a total bond floatation of P1.355 billion. The amounts per issue ranged from P25 million to P320 million for a slaughterhouse project, jetty port with terminal building, housing, public market, convention center, public hospital and commercial cum parking complex.

The most prevalent term is seven years, allowing for grace period with interest paid periodically and principal repayments lumped at the end of the bond term or amortized during the life of the issue. Two of the deals involved LGUs not classified as first or second class, which were LGUGC's original target market.

The volume of outstanding guarantees issued could have been much more were it not for an untenable political situation in the last quarter of 2000, an unsteadying situation which stretched to the first quarter political storm of 2001.

With the country still suffering from the ill effects of the 1997 Asian financial crisis, the new internal political upheaval coupled with the May local elections virtually put on hold the closing of a number of bond deals then in the pipeline.

As the dust settled, LGUGC found itself seeking the acquaintance of two new executives who at first glance questioned the bond deals issued by their predecessors but eventually recognized the regularity of the contracted obligations.

The months of inactivity nevertheless gave LGUGC the opportunity to review a maiden portfolio, revise guidelines to make them more responsive to the needs of the LGUs, improve internal operating systems and more importantly, tighten up bond documentation and project monitoring systems.

LGUGC eligibility guidelines were liberalized to expand insurance coverage to 100 percent of the LGU debt for bond issues and extend the service as well to the smaller developing LGUs, provided they meet the minimum credit rating requirement of LGUGC.

LGUGC's internal credit screening and rating system is currently being computerized through technical assistance granted by the Australian Aid—Philippines Australia Governance Facility (PAGF).

The system database will be increased from the current 120 LGUs to 500 through another technical assistance approved by the USAID, which has been likewise instrumental in ensuring that the system is at par with international LGU bond rating standards (generically referred to as "Municipal" bonds). LGUGC now only entertains guarantee applications from rated LGUs.

The PAGF assistance likewise includes the computerization of the company's portfolio tracking system with the end in view of spotting early signs of project deterioration or weakening of financial performance.

This will augur well in safeguarding LGUGC's actuarial soundness when it maximizes its gearing capacity to its prudential limits.

Structuring the framework for bond market development

LGUGC is at the forefront of private and public sector efforts to rationalize the bond market structure, in partnership with the more active LGU bond market proponents like the Departments of Finance (DOF), Interior and Local Government (DILG), the USAID and Finex.

Formal agreements with the DOF and DILG were signed by LGUGC to provide for the exchange of information among the institutions to improve their respective database and facilitate monitoring of LGU bond issues.

Lobbying efforts with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) have fetched positive results as well. Two BSP circulars increased the marketability of LGU bonds as investment instruments. The first circular granted eligibility status to LGU bonds as compliance to the mandatory allocation for agri-agra loans (PD 717), thus encouraging banks to buy the bonds and warehouse.

The second reduced the risk weight assigned to LGU debts carried by banks from 100 percent to 50 percent provided such debts are covered by LGUGC guarantee. The twin moves are reflective of the consistent support that BSP has provided the BAP member banks which have been tapped by the national government in its efforts to develop the LGU bond market, an identified step necessary to turn around a sluggish national economy.

Institutionalizing key bond market players

Having seen the launching of a few successful LGU bond deals, other LGUs have shown keen interest in seeking the bond route in financing long-term development projects.

Therefore, there is a need to institutionalize the bond players and their roles in the bond process. A Municipal Bond Manual detailing the players and their roles has in fact been produced and made available to LGUs and the financial community, through the collaborative efforts of Finex, USAID and its Agile Project, DOF, DILG and LGUGC.

Among the issues remaining in the establishment of players and roles is the continuing limitation on the depository and trusteeship arrangements for LGU funds. The existing rule confining these to government financial institutions has become a sore point and presents the private banks with an uneven playing field, dampening whatever enthusiasm the private sector has thus far shown on the new LGU debt market.

Private banks do not aim to grab the lion's share in deposits of LGUs. However, it makes sense to allow them, on case by base basis, to compete for the said deposits and even serve as trustee for LGU bond deals, as this will provide the LGUs with a wide range of choices and make possible the lowering of LGU borrowing costs because of competition.

A bond counsel expert in the LGU bond market has yet to surface. Likewise, a rating agency specializing in evaluating LGUs does not yet exist but in mature municipal bond markets like in the United States, it is a very important player in the industry.

LGUGC today has the capability to rate LGUs but it also recognizes that it will soon have to spin off this function in order to avoid any seeming conflict of interest being a guarantor and rater at the same time.

What must still be done?

Admittedly, the current policy environment and operating systems are not yet ideal for the development of the primary and secondary market for LGU debts.

The DOF is closely coordinating with other NGAs involved with LGU bonds, as well as the private-sector market players and donor agencies, in addressing policy and procedural concerns, among the critical of which are:

- The infirmities in enabling laws which do not provide incentives that would allow LGU bonds to compete with T-bills and T-notes which, unlike the LGU debt instruments, are guaranteed by the national government and are risk-free;
- Absence of a clear-cut agreement among the various national agencies involved with LGUs to promote, and a policy statement by the executive offices promoting LGU bond development, hence the issuances of circulars by the different agencies which are contradictory to bond promotion, and
- The absence of a central database of LGU information from which the market players and investors can source updated and reliable information on LGUs.

Prospects in near- to mid-term

The LGUGC is a homegrown insurance program borne out of a necessity to accommodate access by sub-sovereign units to the private credit market and operating in an environment that is none too ideal. Given the yeoman's role that LGUGC has played thus far and the generally warm response from the LGU community, the future of the Philippine LGU bond market looks promising, especially with the efforts of the public sector, the private sector and the donor community now beginning to gel.

The point is that the LGUs, as a new breed of borrowers, now have the opportunity to access private sources of funds through the bond route. Such an access will undoubtedly shift an erstwhile heavy dependence for support from the deficit-laden national government to private capital seeking newer and safer investment instruments.

This is as good a time as any to test the financial creativity and political will of the local chief executives.

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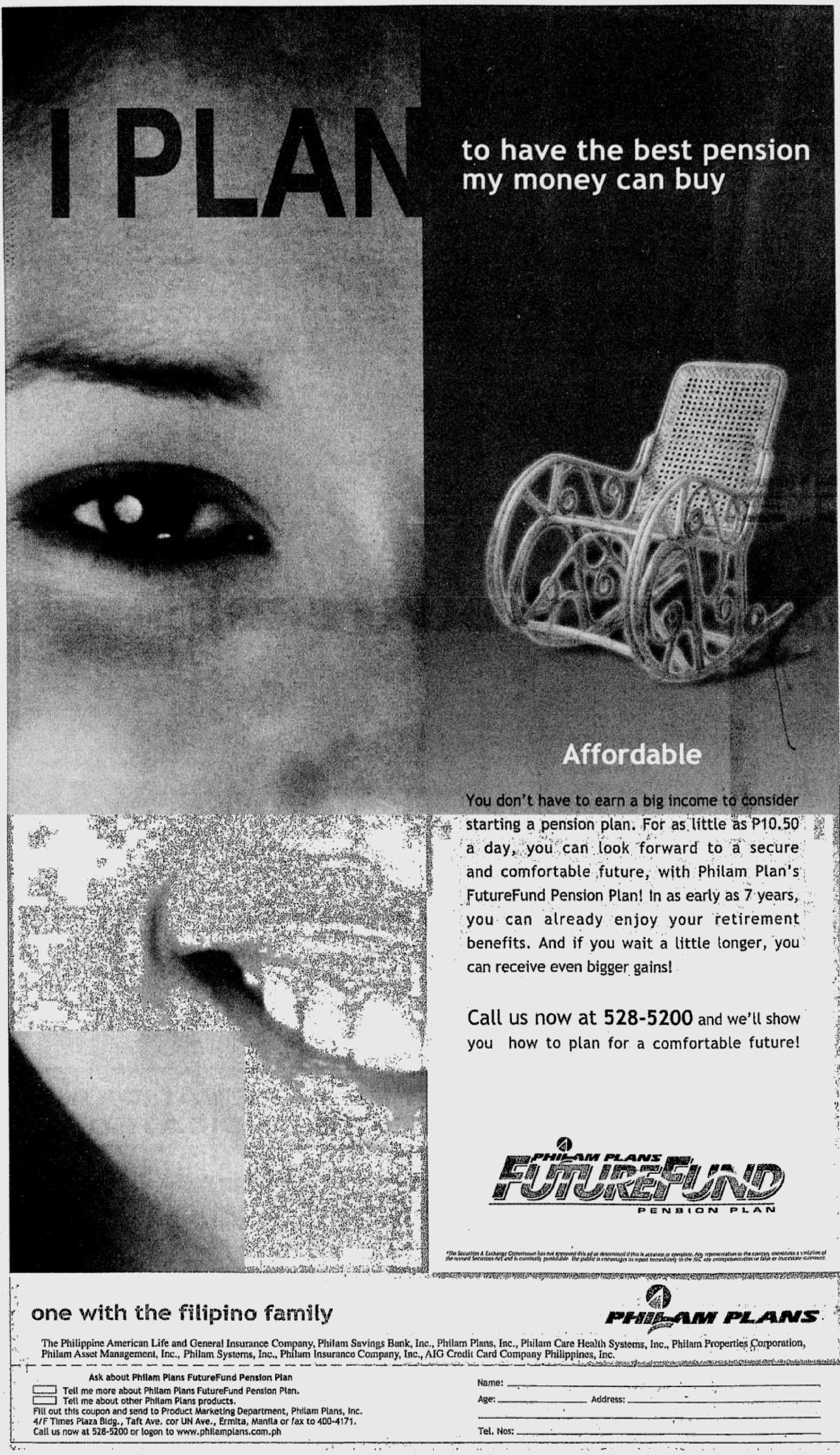

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Managing hotel staff is like heading a football team

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LYNCH

BEING a general manager of a five-star hotel is just like being the captain of a premiere league football team. He may not be the best player on the field but he is a great motivator and has a definite idea of what he wants the team to achieve.

This is the philosophy espoused by Jarlath Lynch, an Irish national who is the new general manager of the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

"As a general manager or as a coach, you are no more important than the other members of the team, perhaps may even be less important," Lynch says in an interview.

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Lynch tries to motivate his staff by showing genuine concern for the employees and by laying down exactly what he expects.

"We are all part of the same family so everybody should be treated fairly. I let them do their job as long as I see that they can do it. I am not rigid as long as they know that they should be focused on providing customer delight," he says.

Lynch stresses that he does not ask from his people more than what he can do himself, adding that leadership by example goes a long way in motivating the staff to do their part in providing customer delight.

Customer delight, he says, refers to making the customer feel good from the moment he steps into the hotel to the time that he checks out or goes out after a meeting or a function.

"I want the staff to look at the hotel as their own house. And because it is your house you want to make a good impression. I am fortunate that the hotel is very good and it already has that homely, warm feeling that people like," Lynch says.

Customers, however, are just one of the three primary markets that Lynch as manager takes care of. The other two being the owner of the hotel and the staff.

"I believe that it is my personality to make sure that the relationships among these three customers are maintained or enhanced. I have to know what motivates each set. I try to go the extra mile," he says.

Lynch has been going for the extra mile since his school days in Ireland. The 37-year-old went through the Dublin College of Catering and the Clongowes Wood College in Kildare, Ireland.

From there he went up the ranks starting as a kitchen staff, cashier and night manager for The Westbury Hotel in Dublin, Ireland, moving on as front desk clerk for The Ritz Carlton Hotels in Massachusetts, and then to the Hyatt International Birmingham where he was director of rooms.

He first came to the Philippines in 1993 as director of rooms of the Makati Shangri-La. He stayed for two years until December 19995 when he moved to the Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort as resident manager.

He first became general manager of the Shangri-La Hotel, Surabaya Indonesia before coming to the Philippines in January this year.

"The beauty of this industry is that I get to work in different places and different cultures. I get to travel around the world and in the process I learn new styles," Lynch says.

Lynch adds that he always tries to immerse himself in the local culture as fast as he could, saying that it is only through understanding the local mentality that he could be effective in his work and in motivating staff.

"I get 200 percent back in terms of culture. I really get to know about people and people are the greatest asset of this industry. I try to pick out the strengths of each culture and I try to push the right buttons to convey the message that this is what we need to do," he says.

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WILL the Philippine Stock Exchange ever outgrow petty politics?

The battle continues for top PSE position

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traders started a noise barrage while continuing with the day's trading activities.

They chanted "Robert! Robert!" when Coyiuto entered the trading floor. Placards and stickers bearing signs like "Leung resign" or "Leung lawyering for Vivian" or "Vivian's conspiracy stinks" were posted on the trading booths.

There were about 60-70 brokerage houses that joined the protest action, including some Makati-based brokers like former PSE chair and First Orient Securities nominee Trinidad Kalaw and a handful of PSE employees.

Paul Soo, nominee of Abacus Securities, said: "The only way to attract good people in PSE is not to get them involved in politics."

Kalaw agreed that by not abstaining from the voting of PSE chair, even if they had the right to do so, the non-broker directors have ceased to be independent representatives of the investing public.

The protest actions lasted until trading was halted for the lunch break.

But Securities Specialist nominee and newly appointed PSE corporate secretary Francisco Villaroman said the issue was not simply a battle between Coyiuto and Yuchengco, but a battle with provisions in the SRC and the PSE's bylaws.

The SRC mandates that majority of the PSE board must be non-brokers but the PSE bylaws were silent on how to elect the non-brokers.

The earlier compromise was thus to adopt a common slate, based on a shortlist made by a PSE nomination committee, instead of subjecting the non-brokers to free balloting. Yuchengco's camp said it was a process that was earlier agreed upon and was only belatedly being questioned, after Coyiuto failed to clinch the top PSE post.

While the leadership squabble has not affected stock trading yet, it is no doubt sending negative signals to the business community: despite the PSE's demutualization last year, the exchange has yet to outgrow its traditional politics.

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Kraft has Wall Street eating out of its hand

CHICAGO—Kraft Foods Inc. has a recipe for financial growth that is feeding Wall Street's appetite.

Betting it can outsmart the slow-growing food sector with breakneck innovation, Kraft is transforming old brands such as Oreo cookies and its Macaroni & Cheese, and adding new products that emphasize convenience, portability and health.

Helped by its $18.9-billion acquisition of cookie maker Nabisco in late 2000, the largest North American food company is playing with a host of new foods. It boosted sales nearly 30 percent to $34 billion with Nabisco, and it remains on the lookout for smaller acquisitions that can add scale in growing areas such as snacks and beverages.

Kraft, the maker of foods as wide-ranging as Philadelphia cream cheese, Oscar Mayer meats and Maxwell House coffee, is banking on revenue growth of 3 percent to 4 percent in 2002 and beyond, ahead of the industry's one percent to 2 percent average.

The company, which went public in June, already scored home runs with big innovations such as Chocolate Creme Oreos and Ritz Bits Sandwiches. Now it's co-mingling the Kraft and Nabisco lines with ideas such as Ritz crackers made with Kraft cheese and versions of its kids' Lunchables meal kits with Oreos ands Chips Ahoy cookies. Oreo is slated to soon reach the $1 billion mark in yearly sales.

"They've got a litany of new product successes," Kenneth Harris, a partner with food consultant Cannondale Associates, said. "Kraft's mantra is to be at least 18 to 24 months ahead of the curve in new thinking."

Last year about $1.1 billion, or 3 percent, of Kraft's sales came from new products, as it added new sizes to its Capri Sun drinks, new shapes to tried-and-true foods like Macaroni & Cheese, and new flavors and formulations to its Boca meat alternatives and Balance Bar energy bar businesses, both bought in 2000 to build scale in growing categories.

Kraft is taking tired foods such as American cheese and adding more kid appeal with new portable products such as its tearable Rip-ums. It's also boosting education for the benefits of cheese and other foods that fulfill dietary deficiencies such as calcium and vitamins, especially in developing markets.

"Whether it's through internal development, whether it's through acquisitions, or whether it's through licensing, you'll see us use whatever is the best variety for driving growth," co-chief executive Betsy Holden told Reuters in a recent interview. Holden runs Kraft's $25-billion North American business, with 75 percent of sales. "You'll continue to see a variety of ways for us to grow in our core categories."

Keeping pace with trends as well as its financial promises has earned Kraft top billing on Wall Street and kept it the leader in 21 of its top 25 categories in the United States. The company met the high end of its earnings guidance in 2001, and is calling for 14 percent to 16 percent earnings per share growth in 2002, to $2 to $2.05 a share.

"Kraft is clearly one of the few companies in the (food) group that has strong top and bottom line growth," said Keith Patriquin, an analyst with Loomis Sayles, which holds 370,000 Kraft shares as well as stock in its majority owner, tobacco giant Philip Morris Cos. "They're in large, growing categories. They've got a good reputation with the consumer."

Since the company's June trading debut, Kraft's shares have risen 20 percent to close at $38.01 on Friday. The stock has outperformed the Standard & Poor's Packaged Food Index, which tracks big US rivals such as Kellogg Co. and Campbell Soup Co., by nearly 15 percent.

Analysts have been impressed by Kraft's ability to offset downturns in its big commodity-sensitive cheese and coffee businesses with cost savings from the Nabisco deal, which exceeded company targets of $100 million 2001.

"Kraft has been one of the strongest companies in a difficult industry in the past decade," Prudential Securities analyst John McMillin said. "I think coffee is better and cheese costs have come down, and Nabisco is starting to hum."*Reuters*

Hacking away to millions

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

A CYBER crime or that which is committed via the Internet occurs every 20 seconds.

This was according to Mark Patrick, VP for Interactive Services of MasterCard International Asia-Pacific, during its annual meeting in Shanghai last week.

He adds that according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, only 15 percent of hacks in the United States are detected while Internet Week reports that only 10 percent of Internet merchant hacks are actually reported.

The Philippines may not yet be a very attractive site for hackers as online transactions remain minimal but Filipinos' capability to tap into supposedly secure systems can no longer be underestimated following the "I Love You" virus planted by a young Filipino just two years ago.

The United States profile of a hacker is:

1. Bored, anti-social individuals/groups who gain pleasure for funding and executing ways into another's system.
2. 90 percent are "script kids"—those with little knowledge but have access to tools; not the geniuses movies make them out to be.
3. 10 percent are competent programmers who modify existing tools.
4. One percent are stars who build new tools.

And to further make hackers' lives easier, Patrick says there are 330 hacker publications, 440 hacker bulletin brands, 400,000 websites dedicated to "hacking tips"—hackers.com, security focus.com, etc.

Questions on security on the Internet remain an issue. According to Jeff Portelli, a MasterCard SVP, there were about 64 million active Internet users in Asia last year. The number is expected to go up to 173 million by 2004.

Those who have made online purchase as of the second quarter of 2001 include 48 percent of users in Australia, 34 percent in India, 30 percent in Taiwan, 34 percent in Hong Kong. No data is available on RP users.

The Internet user penetration in the Philippines is only 3.7 percent, higher than Thailand's 3 percent or Indonesia's 0.8 percent.

But an informal survey of some Filipino Internet users shows that although they have at least transacted an online purchase at least once, they are still concerned about security.

A survey on barriers to online purchasing in 2000 showed that credit card security lists 79 percent, disclosure of personal details 77 percent.

Another survey showed that when asked what are the obstacles retailers face in selling online, 20 percent responded site security.

Last year's annual conference of MasterCard showed huge amounts lost in the United States due to hackers.

Credit cards remain the main tool for transacting online which is why some credit card firms like MasterCard have installed their own security systems.

Many firms specialize in providing security software for Internet users although somehow hackers still find their way. *(The author was invited by MasterCard to attend its Asia-Pacific annual meeting in Shanghai last March 11-13.)*

Japan Inc. retrenchment sparks buyouts

TOKYO—Not everyone is hurting from Japan's long recession.

With many high-potential firms saddled with debts hanging over from the bursting of Japan's asset-inflated bubble economy a decade ago, more brokerages and fund managers are on the lookout for buyouts—taking equity stakes in troubled firms and selling them at a profit after steering them back to prosperity.

Japan's buyout market more than doubled last year, according to Mitsubishi Research Institute (MRI), and is set to post another record this year as domestic players snatch back lost share from foreign firms, analysts said.

The conditions are ideal for domestic players. With the outlook of Japan's economy still murky, US investors have become more cautious toward Japan Inc., and are less interested now anyway given the fair share of targets at home.

In addition, a record number of bankruptcies as a result of the economic slump have made banks wary of lending, forcing many struggling companies to revamp their operations, thus raising the need for constructive financial aid.

To take advantage of this environment, brokerages led by Nomura Holdings Inc. have in recent years set up principal finance units, or entities that often buy a majority stake in a firm with the aim of obtaining an average 20-30 percent return over several years by reselling the stake.

Home-grown funds such as those operated by Unison Capital and Softbank Investment Corp. have also taken shape.

"The buyout market has a great future in Japan," said Jane Crawford, president of investment firm 3i Asia Pacific (Japan).

MRI estimated the value of Japan's buyout market, still in its infancy, at a record 100 billion yen ($772.4 million) in 2001, compared with 40.4 billion yen in 2000. The number of deals also rose to 20 cases in 2001 from 11 the year before.

"We will see another record this year, but only a few good ones. Competition is already high over lucrative targets," said Motoya Kitamura, a researcher at MRI.

Brokerages king

Kitamura said brokerages are in the best position to profit in the buyout market because Japan's banks have their own massive debts to worry about and are therefore less inclined to initiate business rehabilitation at their borrowers.

"We want to revitalize Japan and help our own business through the revitalization," said Takeo Sumino, head of merchant banking planning at Nomura's Investment Banking Strategic Planning Department.

Armed with a solid client base at home, Nomura's principal finance unit has concluded three buyouts totaling 12 billion yen since its establishment in 2000. Most recently, the unit last month announced plans to buy into tool maker UHT Corp. through a tender offer worth at least 4.29 billion yen.

Nomura has already established a solid footing in Europe, where its London-based team led by Guy Hands have invested 300 billion yen in the William Hill chain of bookmakers, Le Meridien hotels, and British pub chains among others. *Reuters*

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Rapid innovation key to success in mobile data services

IN THE emerging world of the mobile data services, success will go to the compulsively creative, says the CEO of one of the Philippines' leading mobile phone company.

"(Cellular operators) cannot develop a competitive edge with just a few applications. You need lots of them, targeting all market segments," said Napoleon Nazareno, president and CEO of Smart Communications. "That's why our approach has been to develop killer environments, not just killer applications . . . Relentless rapid innovation is the key to differentiation."

Nazareno made these remarks during his keynote presentation at the recent annual congress of the world GSM Association in Cannes, France, the first Filipino to speak before the prestigious body.

Discussing the topic "The Operator's Role in Driving Content & Applications Innovation," he cited the experience of the Philippines which has become known worldwide for its passion for text messaging.

Nazareno said that Smart, for example, launched over 130 wireless services in the past two-and-a-half years—or an average of at least one new service or a variant of an existing service every week.

These services ranged from breakthrough services, such as Smart Money, the award-winning electronic payments service linked to a mobile phone—to simple but engaging services, such as text quiz games, ring tones and logos from the latest hit films.

Most of these services are low bandwidth applications that are simple, quick to make, easily deployed and affordable to customers. All of them run on SMS, better known as text messaging, which is immensely popular among Filipino users of GSM mobile phones.

"Don't worry if some of the services don't do as well as you'd like. What's important is that you keep a steady stream of services in the pipeline and that you create an environment where the mobile phone is used for a variety of purposes," Nazareno said.

"The choice of SMS (as the technology platform) was a no-brainer. With Filipinos so much into text messaging, SMS-based services gave us instant access to a huge market," he added. The number of GSM users in the Philippines now exceeds 11 million.

When Smart launched its GSM service in April 1999, the company set for itself the goal of attaining the leadership in wireless data using SMS. This strategy made it possible to achieve three key objectives vital to the future development of wireless services.

First, SMS made it possible for wireless data services to become a mass experience. Millions of GSM phone users were introduced to a world where handsets are multipurpose terminals.

Second, this also gave operators an opportunity to build a network of service providers capable of generating content not only for the current generation of mobile phone technology—known in industry parlance as 2G or 2nd Generation, but also for higher technologies such as 2.5G and 3G.

Third, mobile phone companies are able to test various business models that allow operators and content providers to make money while offering affordable services.

Wireless services have become increasingly vital to mobile phone operators in recent years. The conventional wisdom has been that data services offer operators new revenue sources needed to complement sagging income from traditional voice services.

The search for lucrative services has become even frantic for mobile operators, particularly in Europe, who have paid billions of dollars to acquire licenses for 3rd Generation mobile phone networks that offer high-speed, large-bandwidth data services such as video and complex applications.

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Who's afraid of terrorism and too much politics?

By Raul C. Dancel

SO who's afraid of terrorism and politics? Certainly not courier service provider DHL Worldwide Express.

At a time when most foreign investors were making a beeline for the exit—spooked by a resurgence in terrorism in Mindanao, an uncertain political climate and a global economic slowdown—DHL was pouring money into the Philippines.

The company began setting up a regional office in the Philippines in June last year, less than a month after a group of self-styled Islamic militants swooped down on an island resort in Palawan and took 20 hostages, including three Americans.

Three months later, terrorists linked to Saudi-born dissident Osama bin Laden hijacked three commercial planes and struck key targets in the United States, leveling down the World Trade Center in New York and tearing down a portion of the Pentagon in Washington in the process. By the time its Philippine office was up and running, DHL had already spent over $15 million.

DHL is no stranger to adversity, especially in the Philippines. Months after it opened its first office outside the United States in Manila in 1971, the whole country was placed under martial law.

DHL International (S) Pte Ltd. area director for Southeast Asia Bryan Jamison said DHL has always thrived in whatever situation it finds itself in.

"We operate in 228 countries and territories across the world. A number of those countries operate in civil war situations. They operate in high-risk environments. These types of security concerns are something we are very used to dealing with," Jamison told the INQUIRER.

He said in one extreme situation in Lebanon, DHL was forced to operate for a whole week without an airport in a country being torn by civil war.

"We are here to operate," Jamison said. "We are experienced in operating in these types of environment. But having said that, I don't think the environment in the Philippines, at present, puts a lot of pressure on our operations."

"We have our normal global security standards that we've implemented here in the Philippines. Certainly we don't see the Philippines as a high-risk country," Mike Fitzpatrick, DHL's new point man in the Philippines, said.

Fitzpatrick himself is no stranger to adversity. He was running DHL's operations in Indonesia at the height of a massive upheaval that eventually led to the ouster of that country's longtime dictator, Suharto.

DHL is set on doubling its business in the Philippines in the next five years.

The company has invested some $15 million in the Philippines since June to take a more direct hand in running its operations here, Jamison said.

It has formed a joint venture—DHL Worldwide Express (Philippines) Corp.—with the group of businessman Rod Feliciano, its local partner for 30 years, and has put up infrastructure that Jamison said is more advanced than others in DHL's Asian network.

"In discussions with a number of our customers, it was highlighted that the Philippines was one area we needed to infuse investments into so as to provide consistent service," Jamison said.

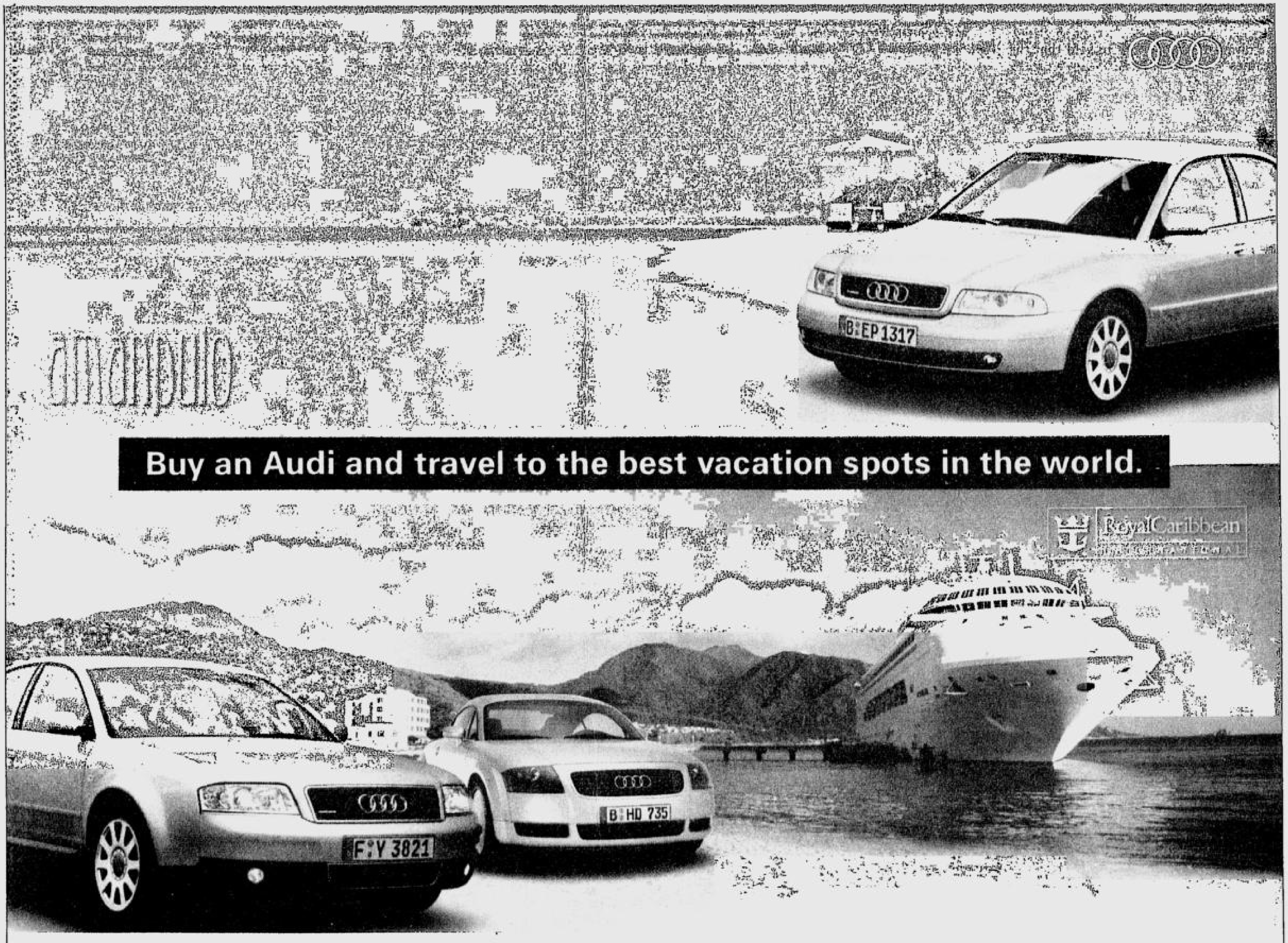
DHL Philippines has six service centers in Metro Manila, Southern Luzon and Central Visayas. It has a fleet of 130 vehicles and employs about 450 workers.

DHL Philippines manager Mike Fitzpatrick said the company was set on opening 10 more express centers this year.

Peace and order has seldom been a big issue in DHL's decisions. Its considerations has always been long term.

Jamison said: "First of all, $15 million is a significant investment. That wasn't made because of what the economic environment is today or tomorrow. We are a networked company, and we are making these investments for the medium- and long-term. We are not making them for the short-term."

"The Philippines and Asia, in general, are particularly linked to the US economy, directly and indirectly," Jamison said. "We are noticing an increase in business activity. It's not dramatic, but it is definitely trending upward. So I think that bodes well for a gradual but steady increase in business activities toward the balance of the year."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Growth with equity: Firms' new challenge

THE REDUCTION of poverty in Asia and the rest of the developing world must be the top goal of Asian governments and the business community to have lasting peace.

In his keynote message before the 2nd Asia-Pacific Executive Forum, a business strategy forum co-sponsored by the East-West Center (EWC) and the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Washington SyCip said today's challenge is to find the ideal role of business in the Asia Pacific and to focus its efforts on promoting social development.

SyCip, internationally reputed as one of the world's wisest men from Asia, said, "Corporations must be vanguards of poverty alleviation and that growth with equity should be the rallying cry not just of political leaders and academics but also of the business sector."

He added that the present situation dictates that private business enterprises must redefine and reorient its focus and become more outward looking and socially responsible.

He clarified that the appeal for social responsibility does not mean that business disregard the profit motive. He said, "profit is a stimulus for efficient management and capitalism dictates that economic resources be used efficiently. Profit is not the ultimate goal of business but rather an incentive, a reward, a gauge of efficiency."

"Business executives must take a leading role in improving governance and in creating a business-friendly environment," says SyCip. "Business must encourage the passage of pragmatic legislation. Businessmen and the upper class should not provide the funds for corruption in government as this contributes widely to the impoverishment of many sectors of society."

Advocating a step-by-step approach to change, SyCip said that corporations' ties with government must be harnessed to involve the public sector in the propagation of poverty alleviation programs that would benefit the majority.

There must be greater transparency in both government and private sector and the easy exchange of information that facilitates transparency. He also stressed the need for deeper understanding from the Western business sector of the goings-on in Asia.

The founder of the SGV Group, SyCip said: "The business community must prepare for the next 20 or 30 years when the Pacific Rim countries will play an important role in world affairs. Asian investors, entrepreneurs and managers will be called upon to develop the region and expand activities to other parts of the world."

In looking ahead, SyCip said that the following must be considered. First, the United States is the most important country to every nation in Asia and there must be efforts to make the US understand Asia.

Second, both terrorism and corporate crime have been globalized and solutions will affect everyone, thus national sovereignty may not mean as much in the years to come. Third, China will play an important role in the region and small countries must adjust their economies to the developments in China.

And fourth, Japan's investment and aid will continue to be critical to the region's growth.

Rapid . . .

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Many of these mobile phone operators are now neck-deep in debt. And fates now lie in translating the glittering promise of 3G data services into cash.

For operators who have been spared costly 3G license auctions, it is more sensible to focus on finding new applications using current GSM or 2G technologies that customers are willing to pay for today. Particularly applications that are appropriate to the mass market consumer whose disposal income is modest.

According to Nazareno, the services that sell are the "usual group of suspects." These are: (1) games and personalization services; and (2) person-to-person communication services.

Successful games include Smart's "Text 2 Millions" quiz game where subscribers have chance to win prizes worth million of pesos by answering questions sent to them by SMS. Personalization refers to ring tones and logos, which are big among young people who regularly change their ring tones and logos.

These services are examples of how entertainment content can boost usage. But this also poses a chilling challenge, Nazareno warned. Once you get on the entertainment bandwagon, you fall under the grip of the same iron rule that governs the entertainment business—you must keep churning out more hits or risk driving away your customers.

In the case of person-to-person communications services, however, operators do not have to exert themselves generating fresh content. Subscribers do that for you. It's called "user-generated content." And a typical example are the countless jokes that Filipinos pass around in text messages.

The operator's task is to make it easy for subscribers to generate and circulate this content. So operators now offer services that allow people to send messages phone to phone, phone to PC, PC to phone and phone to TV.

"Smart, for example, has tied up with a cable channel called LinkTV on Channel 41. While playing hit music videos, LinkTV displays an endless stream of text messages trying to link up with someone else watching the cable channel.

These SMS-based services have become increasingly sophisticated, thanks to the development of large memory SIM cards and STK or SIM tool kit technology. This makes it possible for operators to offer their own custom-designed, menu-based and user-friendly services. This is the mobile equivalent of moving up from DOS to Windows.

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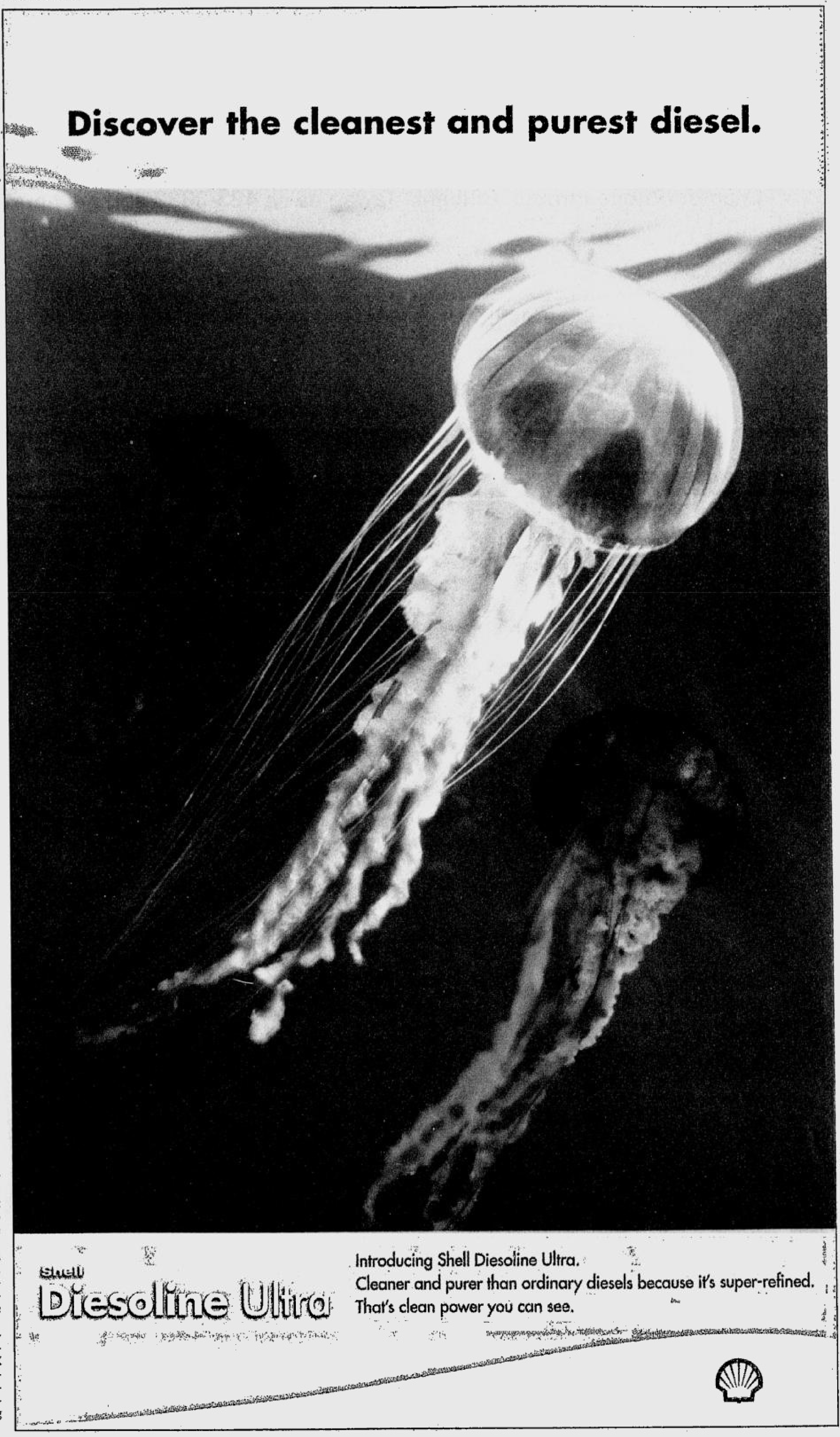

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IF YOU think the Enron accounting scandal has nothing to do with the Philippines, you're right.

But because of its affiliation with the accounting firm in question, some of the clients of SGV & Co., one of the country's largest accounting firms, are feeling nervous.

And while the local firm has been assuring its clients that the accounting scandal involving its affiliate has nothing to do with them, SGV no longer seems to be seem comfortable with the relation and says it is seeking an alliance with another firm.

"You may have already been exposed to some media reports regarding the situation of Arthur Andersen LLP in the United States. A few people have asked us how this relates to SGV & Co. and we wish to clarify the matter," stated SGV chair and managing partner Cesar V. Purisima in a letter to friends and clients.

SGV became a member of Andersen Worldwide in 1985. But Purisima stated that "we have maintained our independence with our own people rendering services to our clients. We therefore assure you that the developments in the United States will, in now way, affect the quality and level of our services."

He hastens to add that "It is business as usual in SGV."

He added that the indictment of Arthur Andersen LLP, the US member firm of Andersen Worldwide, has no legal implication on the accounting firm.

But Purisima then stated that "moving forward, SGV & Co. may have to decide on an alliance with another global firm. The track record and market position of SGV & Co. in the Philippines make it very attractive to the other Big Five firms. Some of these firms have approached us and we will make certain that such an alliance will be for the greatest benefit of our clients."

The Big Five are the five top accounting firms in the world which include Andersen Worldwide, Price Waterhouse, Ernst and Young, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and KPMG.

It will be recalled that last Dec. 2, the business world was shocked when oil giant Enron filed the largest bankruptcy in US history as a result of questionable accounting methods and extensive off-the-books partnerships, which concealed billions of dollars in debt and led to a $600 million reduction in four year's worth of earnings. ***Margie Q. Espino***

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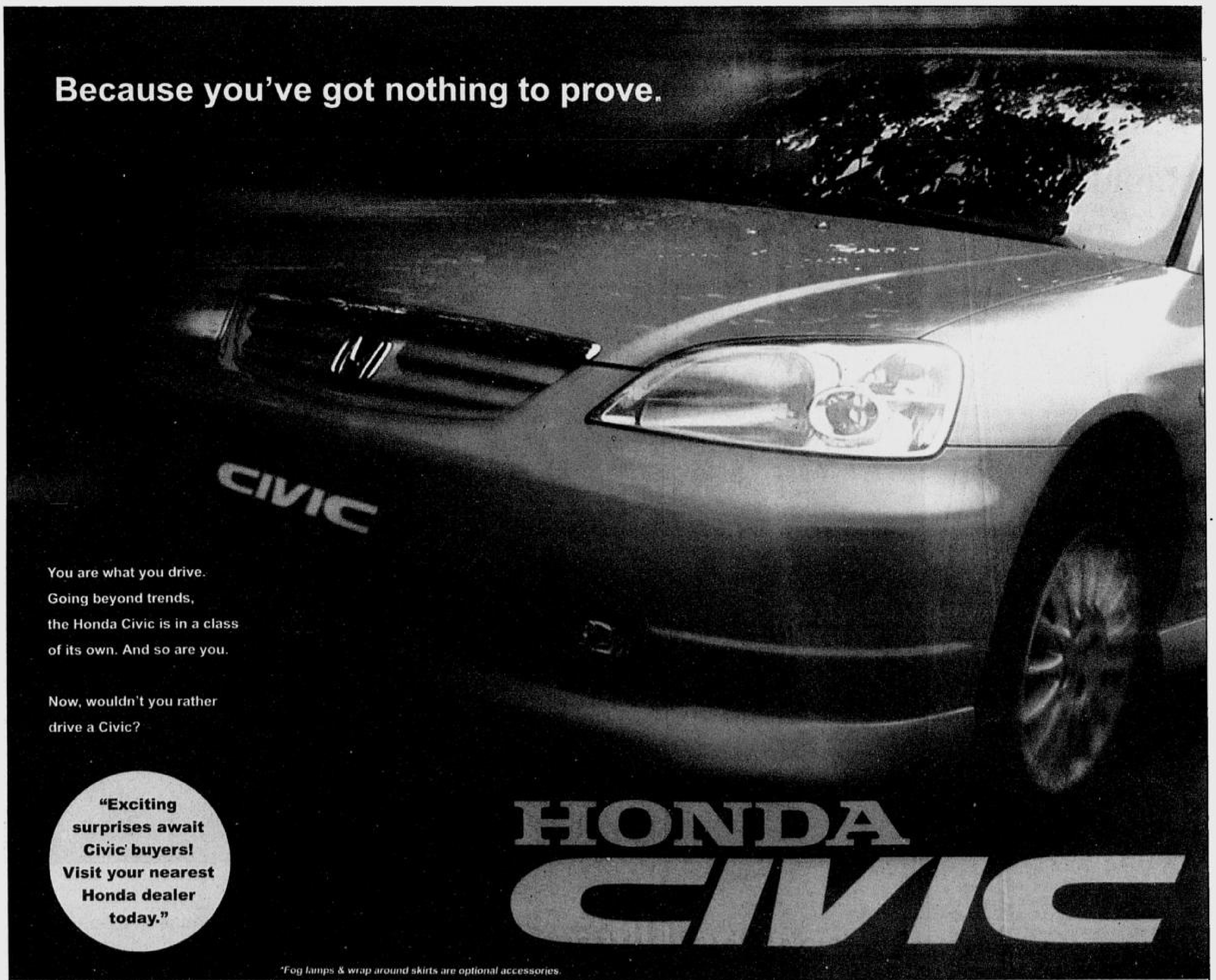

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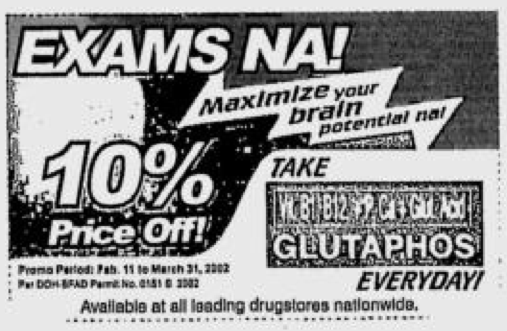
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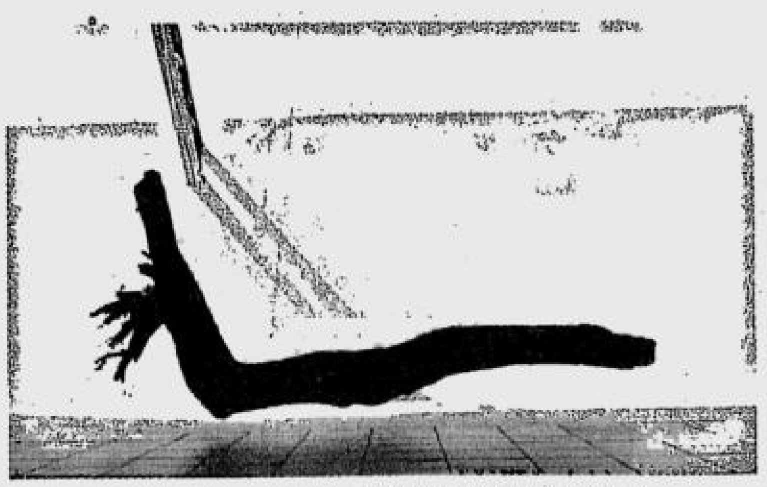

FOUND object floating on air represents man in prayer.

By Constantino C. Tejero

THE ROOFDECK of the Mt. Carmel Ecumenical Community Center is fast becoming an attraction in Jaro, Iloilo City. With its symbolic forests and plain, valleys and fountain, hills and stream, it looks like a miniature landscape within a concrete structure in an urban setting.

Located on the third level of the new building, the space with a floor area of approximately 55 ft x 65 ft has been transformed into an integrated work of art. The creator, Manila artist Alan Rivera, now temporarily based in Iloilo, calls this permanent site-specific installation "A Place for Worship."

The artist acknowledges as his patron the Irish priest Fr. Thomas Shanahan, OCD, superior of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Barangay San Isidro, Jaro.

Given a budget of over a million pesos and a talent fee of P30,000, Rivera started working in September and finished by November. What he has come up with is a complex artwork composed of diverse and detached elements, that is at once Christian, Oriental and neo-pagan.

At the moment of ascent to this part of the building, the texture and color of the stairwell start to change. Instead of concrete, the last two flights of stairs have steps of uneven slabs of green slate chipped off large river stones.

A protuberance on one landing is a slab of stone covered with handmade paper of crimson, gray and pink, then thickly applied with colorless varnish. Rivera calls this his "jeweled stone," where one can rest as one ascends "the mount." In fact, there are three mahogany logs on the landings that can serve as benches for elderly pilgrims.

Soothing sounds

Overhead is a trellis of bamboo poles and 2" x 4" *lawaan* members, hung with bamboo chimes. As the place is open on all sides to the trees and clouds, the breeze freely comes and goes, and one hears the chimes constantly singing.

Another sound that's equally soothing to the spirit is that of water purling and streaming. Because on a bend at the top of the stairs is a fountain, which could be that of the Baptist.

As if spilling over and flowing from this baptismal font is the central aisle depicting turbulent waves subsiding into white calm, in an intricately designed mosaic of glazed ceramic shards of ultramarine, ochre, yellow, turquoise, slate-blue, green and white, leading to a circular platform of green slate 20 ft in diameter.

This cruciform of nave and altar could be seen as the river of life leading to the godhead. From top view, however, the pattern of ceramic shards, slate chips and wooden parquet would look like expanded wings, radiating the power of the Spirit, so that somehow the viewer slightly experiences the sensation of flight.

An old altar of tamarind wood Rivera found in the junkyard is now imbedded perpendicularly in the platform. This is the godhead, with its upper portion painted with a narrow gold rectangle to

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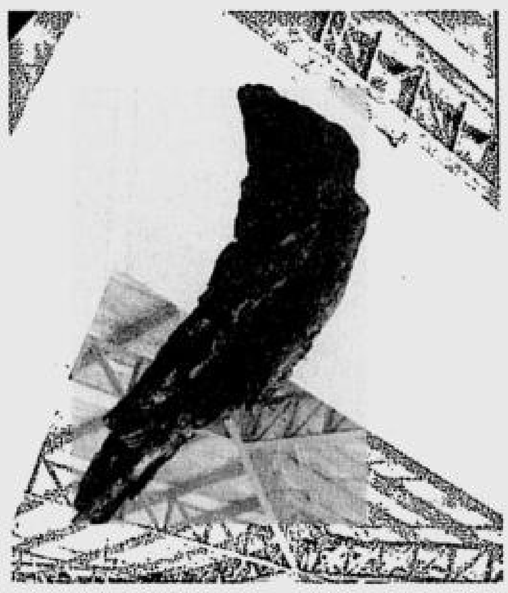

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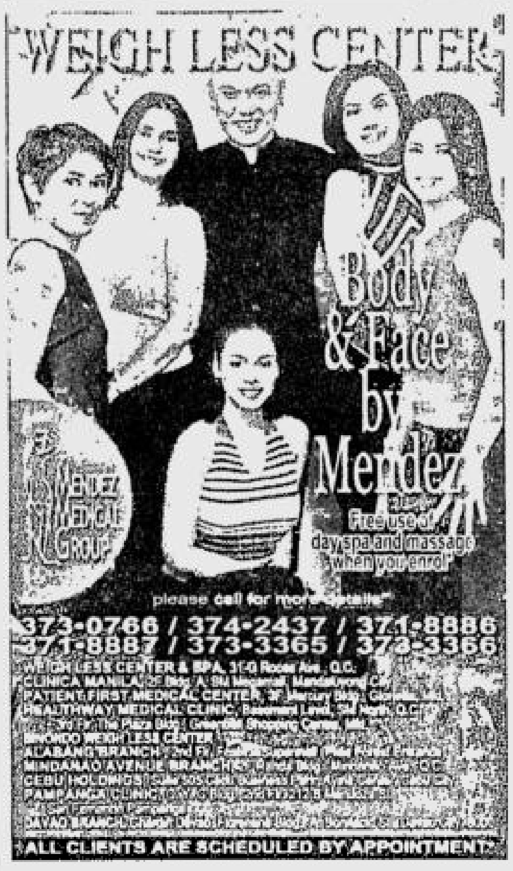
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Cecile Licad arouses curiosity in Taipei as pianist with 'orgasmic power'

By Nancy T. Lu
Contributor

TAIPEI—When famous Filipino pianist Cecile Licad played one time in Seattle, Washington, not very long ago, a long-time resident and concertgoer overheard another pianist complimenting the artist backstage afterward for her "orgasmic performance."

"I have received comments about the orgasmic power of my playing more than once," said the smiling Licad when asked about it. "I have regarded such a remark as a compliment."

As a concert artist, Licad is convinced her job is to reach out to her listeners with her message and move them. If she can bring them to a high, why not?

Playing perfectly is not always effective, Licad said. In fact, it can leave listeners feeling empty, she noted. But just letting the notes fly out instinctively can produce wonderful result, according to her.

"On days when everything seems to go wrong, you can end up playing even better because you try so hard to give a good performance," Licad said.

What is important, she added, is to really prepare for a concert (practicing for as long as eight hours a day) and leave the rest—the musical magic, to be precise—to God. Licad, a Catholic, has been caught nervously making the sign of the Cross backstage before stepping out to play in Seattle. She says she always aims for the best.

Licad, who was born in Manila in 1961, visited Taipei for the first time. The Taipei Symphony Orchestra invited her to be the soloist at a performance at the National Concert Hall in Taipei on March 12. Felix Chiu-sen Chen was the conductor. She played Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor with its "finger-breaking passages and virtuoso cadenzas" for the soloist.

Taipei treat

For the first time, classical music [illegible]s in Taipei were treated to Licad's [illegible] producing different colors and emotions.

As she described her music-making, "There are no rules and regulations with Brahms, Chopin or any other composer. Everything is instinctive."

During a rehearsal, she compared playing the Brahms piece to driving a big and heavy truck—a 6x6, so to speak.

Licad has had the privilege of studying with mentors like Mieczyslaw Horszowski, Seymour Lipkin and Rudolf Serkin at the Curtis Institute, where she received the Most Outstanding Student Award.

Licad moved to Vermont just to be able to learn from the very busy Serkin. She narrated this interesting anecdote: "As a student, I saw Serkin only once a month. Once, he told me to prepare Chopin's Etudes in three days. Like an obedient Filipino student, I did and he was very impressed. Actually, he was only joking but I took him seriously."

In the case of Lipkin, she had another story to tell: "As a student of Lipkin, I was always nodding my head to every instruction he gave me. In practice, I did the complete opposite. He himself observed one time: 'You never follow me in practice.' But he was very pleased with what I did."

Licad went on: "Horszowski is a very quiet person. He speaks in whispers. He would play for me. He taught me the spiritual side of things."

When Licad was only 7, she made her debut as a soloist with the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Philippines. According to Licad, at that time she already had this vision that there would be no other road for her except one devoted to music.

Her pianist mother, Rosario Licad, was her first teacher. When the critically acclaimed pianist looks back today, she tends to be more appreciative of her mother.

She described her mother as possessing "good instincts" and "good rhythm." But when Licad was much younger, she thought her mother was "overly protective." As a daughter, her tendency was to be rebellious.

She described her father, who passed away only last year, as the "initiator" in getting her music career going. He used to wake her up at 4 a.m. to get her to practice on her piano. He did not mind not having his wife at his side for she was too busy accompanying Cecile everywhere. Licad's mother was with her when she moved to the United States for her music education.

Prodigy

As a piano prodigy many years ago, Licad passed the audition at the Curtis Institute. She was only 12 then. Until almost 30 years later, no other Filipino has been able to pass the audition at this famous school of music in Philadelphia.

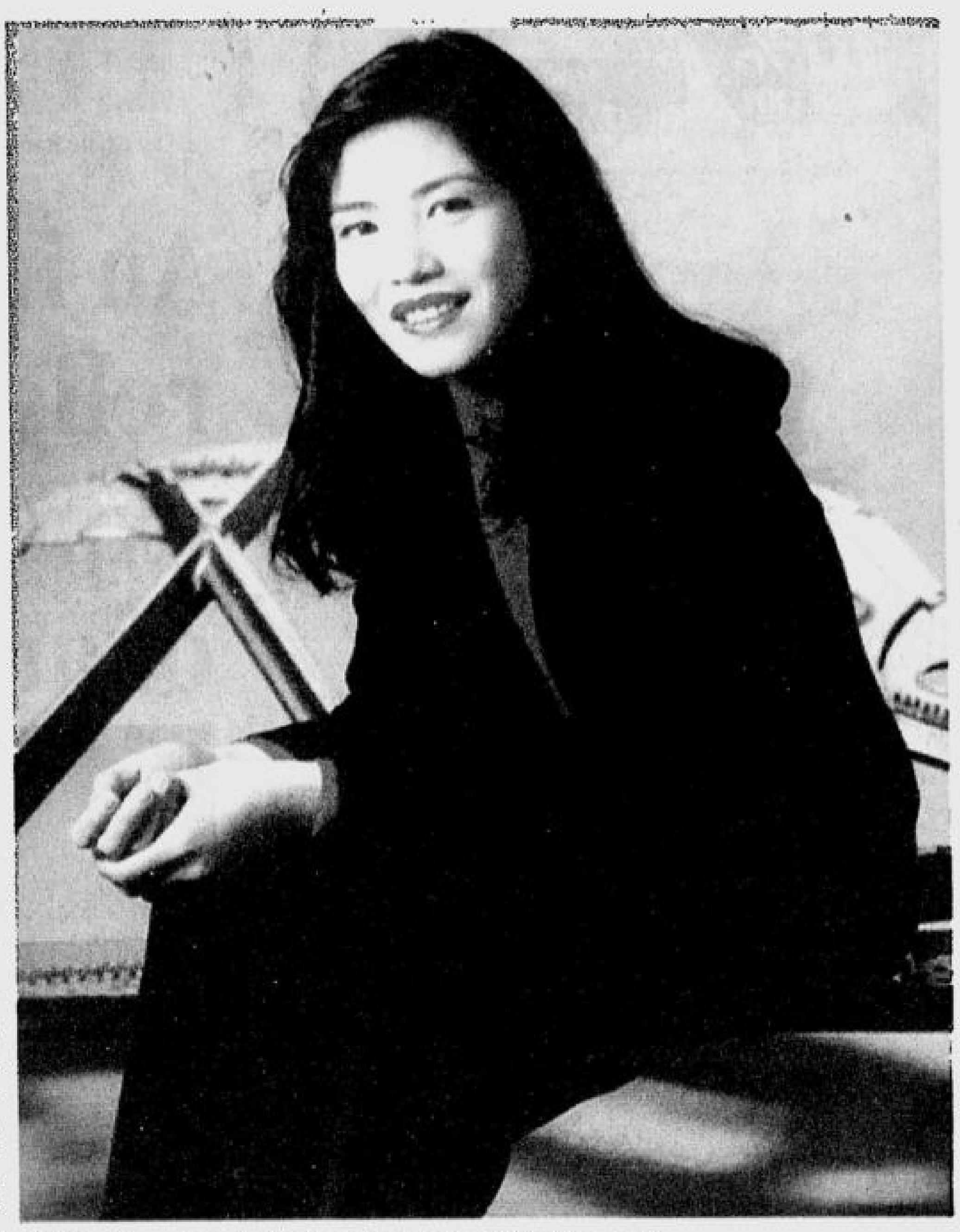
When she was 12, Licad once played in Manila for 20 minutes on the phone for Van Cliburn in New York. It was 2 a.m. at the other end. Van Cliburn was asked to guess how old she was by simply listening to her play. His guess: 40 years old!

Licad, a recipient of the prestigious Leventritt Gold Medal in 1981, keeps her concerts to about 30 annually. She has collaborated with conductors like Claudio Abbado, Andrew Davis, Charles Dutoit, Sergiu Comissiona, Kurt Masur, Sir Neville Marriner, Zubin Mehta, Eugene Ormandy, Seiji Ozawa, Andre Previn, Mstislav Rostropovich, Gerard Schwarz and Sir Georg Solti.

Once, during a passionate performance of Rachmaninoff with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the late maestro Eugene Ormandy, Licad's tight belt broke loose and flew off as she delivered the dramatic final note. The concertmaster caught it, narrated Licad, almost chuckling.

After playing in Taipei, she will give solo recitals in Nanjing and Beijing. Having come this far as a concert pianist, the extremely gifted Licad said she was finally enjoying her life and career, even the suffering and the torture which were inevitably part of it.

Licad was married for 10 years to Brazilian cellist Antonio Meneses. They are divorced. Their son is now 14 years old. She likes the freedom of not being tied down. But she added that having a boyfriend could help her feel inspired when giving a concert.



LICAD will perform in Manila on June 17 and 24 at the CCP.

Coping with the Miserere in the performing arts

By Pablo Tariman
Contributor

IN ORATORIOS and cantatas, there is a sung text called Miserere where the faithful implore the help of God for temporal or spiritual relief during trying times.

In December 2000, as we headed for Tuguegarao City in the company of a Russian violinist after a concert in Santiago and Ilagan in Isabela, pianist J. Greg Zuniega asked me how I was coping with unsponsored concerts in that part of Northern Luzon. I answered there was nothing I could do but savor the standing ovations and later privately sing Miserere to Our Lady of Piat in Cagayan.

Over the weekend, some developments in the arts scene no longer jolted me. The CCP lost some P200 million in its regular budget, and as a result, it can no longer afford air tickets for both local and foreign artists and can only offer COA-approved artists' fees that should actually be labeled as plain honorarium.

Abroad, Opera News reported that funding prospects for cultural organizations across the United States had become exceedingly bleak. The New York Times noted that, after the Sept. 11 attack, the city's nonprofit arts organizations entered their "rockiest period in over 30 years." Generosity to terrorist victims, the report added, simply diverted money that might have gone to support culture.

Arts-oriented foundations in the country are facing the same bleak future.

The Cebu-based Peace Philharmonic Philippines has announced a "prolonged intermission" for six months to raise funds for a new season.

The contracts of musicians of the Manila Symphony Orchestra II recently expired and the prospects for renewal (read: funding for next season) are dim.

The CCP-subsidized Philippine Philharmonic has no salary problem at the moment, but a new season graced by artists who have decided to donate their services or make do with honorarium will certainly not perk up the box office.

I recommended to CCP vice president and artistic director Nanding Josef that the PR department be given enough budget to publicize artists whose names could attract friends and relatives, including sympathetic media. This would somehow make up for the lack of paying concertgoers who should count a lot in these financially depressed times.

(In contrast, the San Miguel Philharmonic, which has yet to make a formal debut, has no financial woes at the moment, and both instrumental and choral members are paid mostly for rehearsing and attending workshops. I have no feedback on its debut at the Las Piñas Bamboo Organ Festival).

But then ticket sales actually couldn't finance a season's concert or pay CCP's monthly electric bills.

Does this mean we should settle for fairly good but not necessarily exciting artists just because they offered their services for free or have agreed to lower their fees in half?

My other suggestions to Josef: CCP should invest in good publicity for good but unknown artists; the national orchestra should conduct a competition for soloists; and finalists should be toured in the provinces first, and if they passed the test of both the musicians and public alike, then they should be considered for the regular PPO season.

Last week, I attended the recital of 17-year-old clarinetist from the Philippine High School for the Arts, Girard Moses Villanueva, who was sensitively accompanied by Jonathan Arevalo Coo. There was no doubt in my mind that he'd make an exciting soloist for the PPO in Copland's Concerto for Clarinet and String Orchestra with Harp and Piano. The young man had startling musicality, his tones robust and firm. His lyricism was compelling in Pierre's Canzonetta, and brought the house down with his technical virtuosity in Bassi's Concert Fantasia from "Rigoletto" and the Copland concerto.

Thus far, the young Villanueva is the only one I know who can bring back the excitement for the clarinet for a music public extremely biased for violin and piano.

If we are cheering our tenors and sopranos, we should start encouraging baritones and mezzos who can go beyond reading notes.

The new baritone to watch is Marvin Gayramon, who will be heard at Paco Park on March 22 and who just sang the baritone part in the latest "Messiah" of the PPO at the San Agustin Church. The mezzo I wanted to tour earlier if I had the resources was Agnes Barredo, who was a knockout in the Tchaikovsky opera "Eugene Onegin."

Also worth watching is Namcya winner Oliver Salonga, whose Beethoven No. 1 should perk up a PPO season anytime and put to shame past Beethoven soloists.

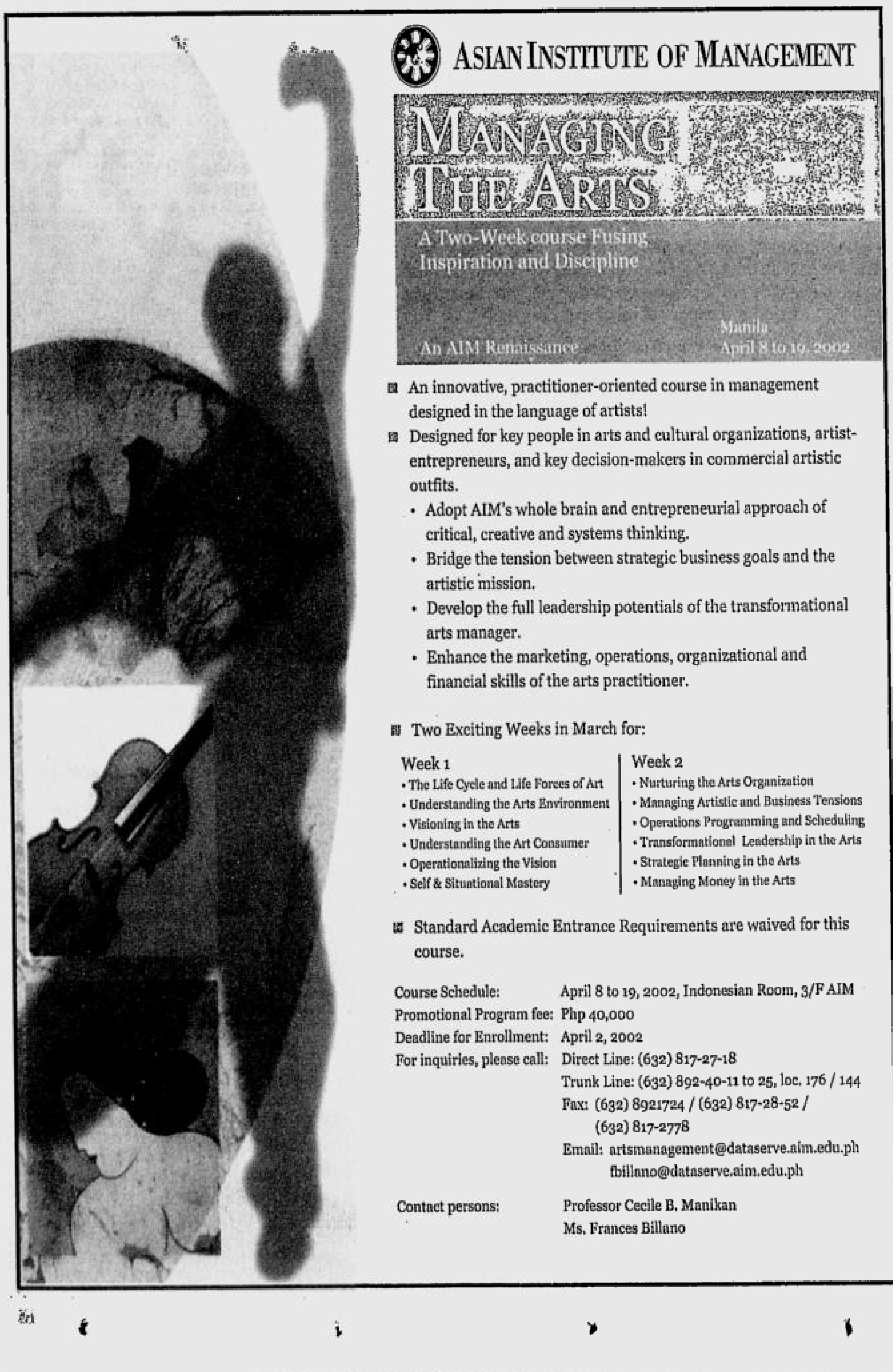
Okay, so these are miserable times for the arts, and the situation being thus, it is imperative that season concerts mounted for the national orchestra should edify and uplift—and not add to the national misery.

Here and there

Germany-based violinist Carmencita Lozada, who just conducted a series of masterclasses at the PWU, is guest of honor in the March 23 preview concert of the 2002 First Pasig Summer Music Festival at the Pasig Museum, under the auspices of the Pasig City Cultural Affairs and Tourism Council headed by Vice Mayor Lorna A. Bernardo, and the Kalipunan ng Sining at Kultura sa Pasig under Chitoy Zapata. Featured artists are outstanding students of the Philippine High School for the Arts (flutist Jay Hernan Gomez, pianist Filmer Flores and pianist Oliver Salonga). For tickets, call 643-7428 or 640-5005.

Our condolence to the family of composer-conductor Jerry Dadap. His wife, Celeste Icban-Dadap, passed away March 3 due to cancer. The late Celeste sang, taught music, wrote music reviews and was a guiding spirit to music lovers. I just loved her review of the 1998 visit of the New York Philharmonic and her review of the 1997 Licad recital at Philamlife. I gave her all my back issues of Opera News, and on certain days, we exchanged views on what we liked and disliked about singers. Since my theme aria was "Ebben leandro lontana" from "La Wally," Celeste would sing that nonstop for me. How she sang art songs so well. Celeste, we will miss you.

Tenor Otoniel Gonzaga sings in Iloilo on March 20 and will be given a doctorate degree by his alma mater, the Central Philippines University. He will be accompanied by pianist Corazon Pineda Kabayao.



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Diplomatic row is in an endless party mood

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

IT looks like the party circuit's in full swing again with teas, art openings, luncheons and gala functions, not to mention *despedidas*, what with the change of some 15 ambassadors recently.

The Spouses of the Heads of Mission initiated a fund-raising tea party, "A Touch of Valentine," at the Italian Embassy residence of Mme. **Clara Colesanti** with each of the ladies contributing a dish or more to the lavish *merienda*. There were door prizes of sparkling wine, floral arrangements and yummy food baskets from Santi's, a weekend in Boracay and other resorts, and dinner for 12 at an Ambassador's residence. (They didn't say if you get to choose the ambassador.) And every guest was handed a red rose so no one went home empty-handed.

The highly successful events was chaired by Mme. **Hasan Sarmad** of Pakistan and Mme. **Brigitta Posting** of Denmark. Proceeds will go to the group's charities. Congratulations to the ladies for all that devoted work!

Kuwait affair

AN IMPRESSIVE number of well-wishers attended the reception tendered by Kuwait Ambassador and Mme. **Ibrahim Al-Muhanma** at the Rizal Ballroom, Shangri-La to celebrate Kuwait's National Day. There was an impressive buffet laden with Middle Eastern food. A separate table was filled with dessert to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

Shopping spot

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Sri-Lankan feast

HOTELS are now discovering the cuisine of other East Asian countries. Hotel Inter-Continental held a two-week festival of Sri-Lankan food at Café Jeepney. "Savour Sri Lanka—A Festival of Culinary Flavours" presented two Sri-Lankan chefs who prepared thin crepes made of rice flour and coconut milk that the guests filled with chutney or spicy sauce. Two chefs from the Hilton JAIC Tower in Colombo prepared several curries (coriander beef curry and pork black curry) and seafood delicacies like spicy grilled fish and fish Badun.

The appetizers such as beet root and onions, *ampalaya* in coconut, fried radish, seafood and mango in mustard dressing were new and exotic to us. You can also get Ceylon tea and recipe books of Sri-Lankan cuisine at the Jeepney Deli Shop.

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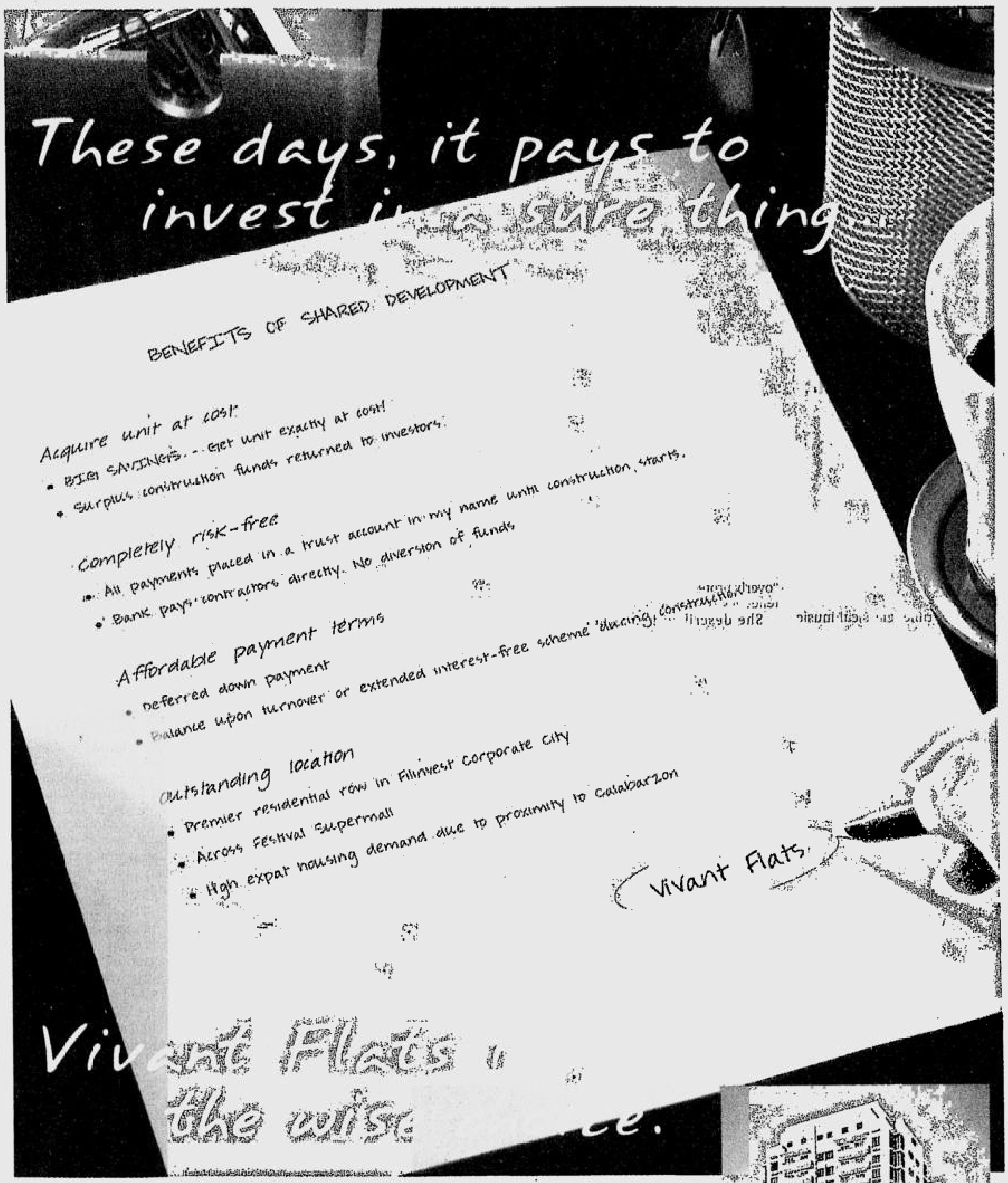
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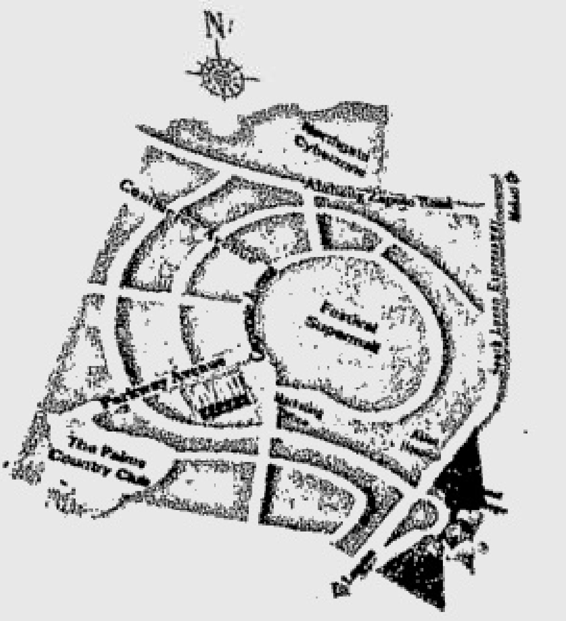
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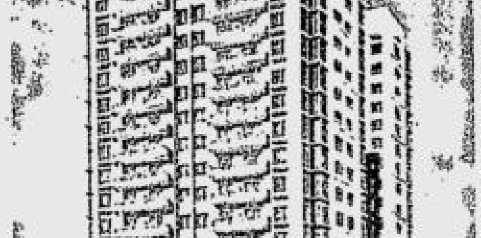

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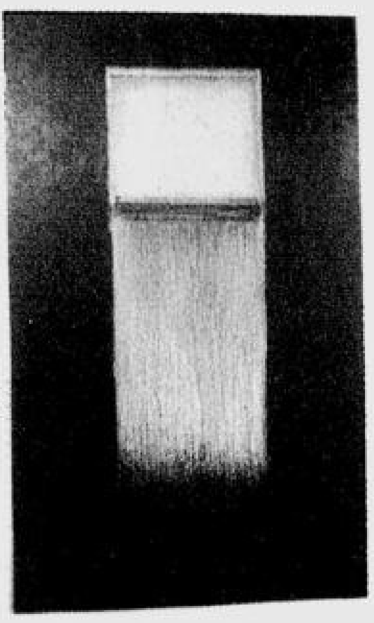
By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

THEY are artists who share a passion for abstract art: Gus Albor, Lao Lianben, Red Mansueto and Joe Bautista, who also dabbles in installation. All four happen to be graduates of the University of the East College of Fine Arts, an institution with a proud roster of outstanding alumni. Its new dean is Gerardo Tan.

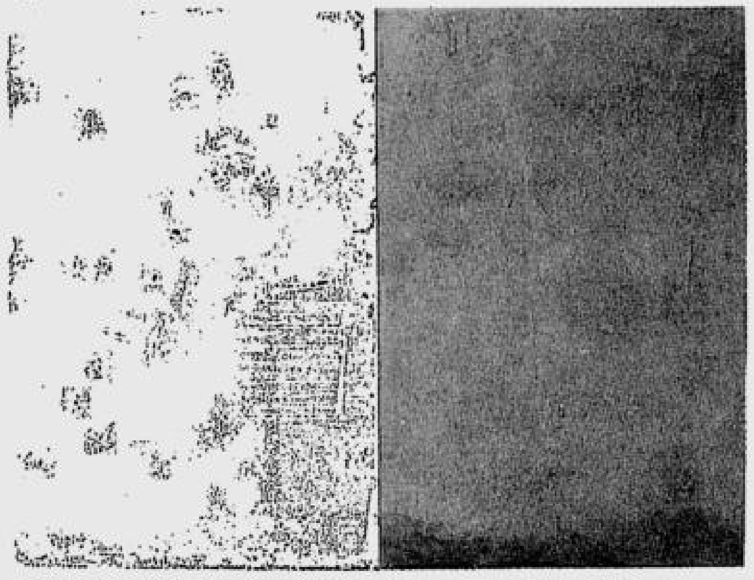
The four artists' exhibit at the Finale Art Gallery (until March 30), though modest in representation, is a worthy indicator of the strides each artist has taken in recent years. It affords us a fair enough sampling of their development in approaches, techniques and materials.

Albor and Lao have continued to explore abstraction in their own unique ways. The former has clearly struck a new vocabulary of sorts with his recent exploration of time, or rather timelessness, in his imagery, the evocation of infinity, that vast, boundless universe that alludes to the contemplative spirit of Tantrism, as the critic Cid Reyes has aptly put it.

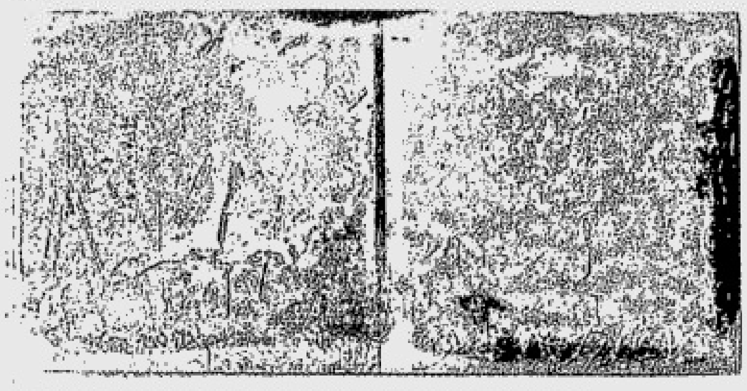
JOE Bautista's "Pages" consists of printed acetate, bound paper, cement squares and glass variable.



LAO Lianben's "Buddhist Television," acrylic on canvas, 90" x 54"



GUS Albor's "Restoration #4," acrylic on canvas, 38" x 50½"



RED Mansueto's "Wall #4," acrylic on canvas, 48" x 60"

In "Restoration #4," Albor guides the eye as he hypnotizes the mind with two rectangular fields of color—gray and deep red—clustered together in equal measure. In "Restoration #5," the image conjured is a mist of grays, with gold painted over it, and further accented with a thin, white line that serves to break the wide expanse of seemingly infinite space.

Black and white

Lao, on the other hand, has dug deeper into the world of Zen Buddhism, with two works that resonate with the contrasting power of black and white elements. In "Buddhist Television," a large-scale acrylic painting on canvas, Lao mesmerizes the viewer with the disconcerting image of cracks and fissures on the upper half of the inner part of the canvas that contrasts sharply with the lines that seem to endlessly drip below, like the effect of falling rain on windowpanes. The resulting cracks from the application of calcimine invest the work its vital textural effects.

Equally meditative in its effect on the viewer is "Liquid Light," with its eloquent depiction of a large circle of magnetic field that is cut into half by a streak of white light jutting into the entire image. Here, Lao has gone back to his austere beginnings, his earliest roots when he limited himself to the polarities of black and white, and simply concentrating on the mantric effect of the image of the *chi*, or, simply, the main source of life.

Though sidetracked by his divergent career moves in the past, Mansueto has remained a true-blue abstractionist like Albor and Lao, though he is closer in spirit to the former, with his more flamboyant use of color and jazzier technique.

In his "Wall" series, Mansueto depicts the wide spectrum of colors to conjure the four elements: earth, water, air and fire. With the symbolic functions of color, he alludes to the elemental force that inhabits the natural world, with all its infinitesimal movements as symbolized by the decorative texture that punctuates the surface of his canvases. Unlike the more assiduous forms of Albor, however, Mansueto's works betray his penchant for colorism, reinforced by his subtle shadings of pastel hues that more or less evoke the phantasmagoric color of outer space.

Found objects

Bautista, in contrast, works with found objects—remnants of everyday domestic existence such as laundry clips and potholders—that he transmutes into emblems of artistic statement. In his installation series "Untitled," with objects tucked into solid frames, he has matched two seemingly disparate objects that, when finally combined in a frame, carry a message of sardonic wit and humor that, to the artist, best captures the interrelationship of life and art.

A postcard with the photograph of the Eiffel Tower is paired with a wooden laundry clip that, upon inspection, closely parallels the form of the gigantic French landmark. Another postcard showing the painting of Mondrian is paired with a potholder carrying the same color combination. Ditto with the colorful rubber slipper, though, admittedly, the color green has no direct equivalent in Mondrian's color palette.

Simply lying on the gallery floor is Bautista's other installation, "Pages," which combines printed acetate, bond paper, cement squares that serve as frames for photocopied photographs of the Bauhaus artists like Kandinsky, Walter Gropius and Hammer Mayer, who, in various capacities as painters, architects and designers, had helped liberate artists from the strictures of conformity.

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OLD altar has been restored and installed to represent the Resurrection.

An intensely religious . . .

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symbolize the gate of heaven.

Surrounding it in a circle is white sand studded with shards of mirror to reflect the overhead spotlight and throw the broken light on the standing slab of wood. This is connected to another circle studded with pebbles painted gold, the whole forming the symbol of infinity.

Hanging garden

The upright altar is supposed to symbolize the Resurrection, but it is as yet incomplete. As part of the overall design, Rivera has intended to put a huge rock beside it, to symbolize the stone of the Garden of Gethsemane or the Cave of Burial. A boulder of jasper (a biblical stone) now lying on the lawn outside, the center's administrator has refused to bring up to the roof deck despite the artist's protestation.

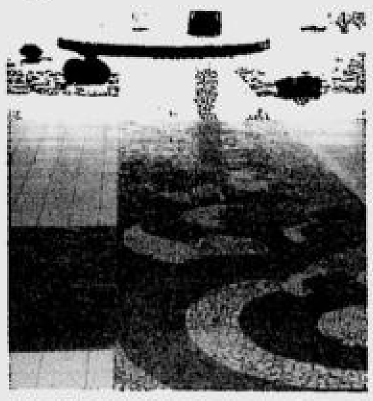
In a corner is a slender bamboo pole hanging horizontally in midair, for the priest's stole and vestment. The icons are removable, for ecumenical consideration. Anyone of any religion is free to meditate and pray here.

All around, Rivera has created a veritable Zen garden on top of a building, with the aid of master tile-layer Joe Grande and mason-carpenter Gerry Galvan.

Aside from stone and ceramic, the installation is largely composed of found wood, chopped wood, river wood, of mahogany, narra, *lawaan*, tamarind, bamboo, *madre de cacao*. Huge roots of narra have been sawed into lounging chairs. Slender mahogany branches have been bound into rows of fencelike structures that serve as screens.

Then there are the bonsai of ficus, Chinese tea, mango, *bugnay*, *caimito*, an Indian plant, a thorny shrub, strategically arranged in quiet spaces within spaces and corners.

Stones and pieces of wood can be so arranged that they evoke certain thoughts and emotions, both positive and negative, dark and bright. A negative conception of stones is illustrated by an arrangement on the ledge of the low wall of the stairwell. The artist says they stand for society's opportunists and the social climbers, lurking in a corner and ready to pounce at the first opportunity.



NAVE of shards of stone and ceramic emanates from the altar to suggest the river of life.

Ungraceful notes

A large slab of burned wood, snatched from a charcoal oven, is now suspended by nylon cord in midair to symbolize the corruptibility of mortal flesh. A handful of gemstones scattered directly below on the floor would make it the hanging Judas.

In another corner, the poor man is a stone on the floor while hanging above it is a row of 11 stones. One innocent nun struck these suspended objects one against another as if they were chimes or a marimba, not knowing she was striking together the heads of the Apostles.

A suspended slab of driftwood with a lot of secondary roots is supposed to be a prayerful sinner aching for redemption, but a visiting child sat on it and made it into a swing, to the chagrin of the artist.

The deck has roofing of burnt sienna, low walls painted cream, and exposed silver beams and trusses. The distracting hues and the harsh fluorescent lighting with exposed sources disturb the serenity of the scene

Those are some of the ungraceful notes, otherwise the place is pure bliss.

That was why when Father Tom first laid eyes on the transformed space, he said: "It expresses what I have always felt and wanted to say in my entire stay here as a priest."

Despite the harsh light and the distant honking of vehicles, Rivera is proud to say his creation has somehow embodied the Carmelite spirit of prayer, silence and solitude.

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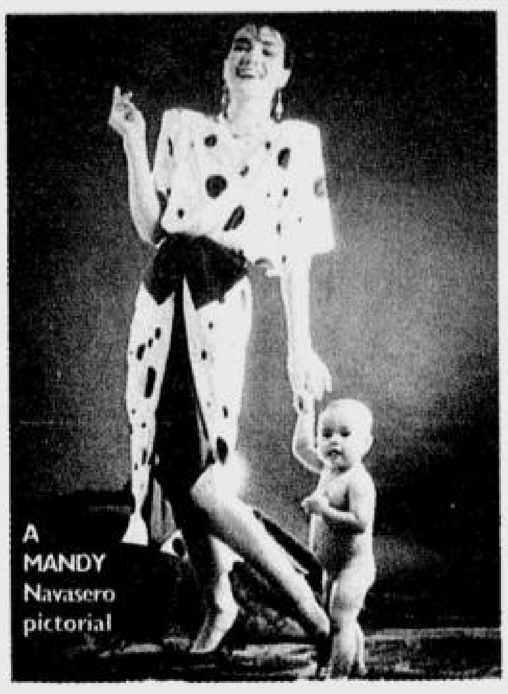
Mandy Navasero photo workshops

THE MANDY Navasero Summer Photoworkshops 2002 will open next month.

Navasero will conduct two workshops: basic photography in black-and-white, including darkroom procedures, and advanced photography. The former is on April 17 to May 29, and the latter is on April 6 to May 18.

Navasero obtained her B.A. in Photography major in Illustration and Advertising at Brooks Institute of Photographic Arts and Sciences in Santa Barbara, California.

Registration is on going at 1935 Dominga St. (near the corner of Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue), Pasay City. Call 522-1905/5185/5189, (0916) 306-0841 or e-mail mn_photocom@i-manila.com.ph.



A MANDY Navasero pictorial

Rosscapili at Metropolitan, Reyes at The Gallery, Edades in Davao

VISUAL ARTS

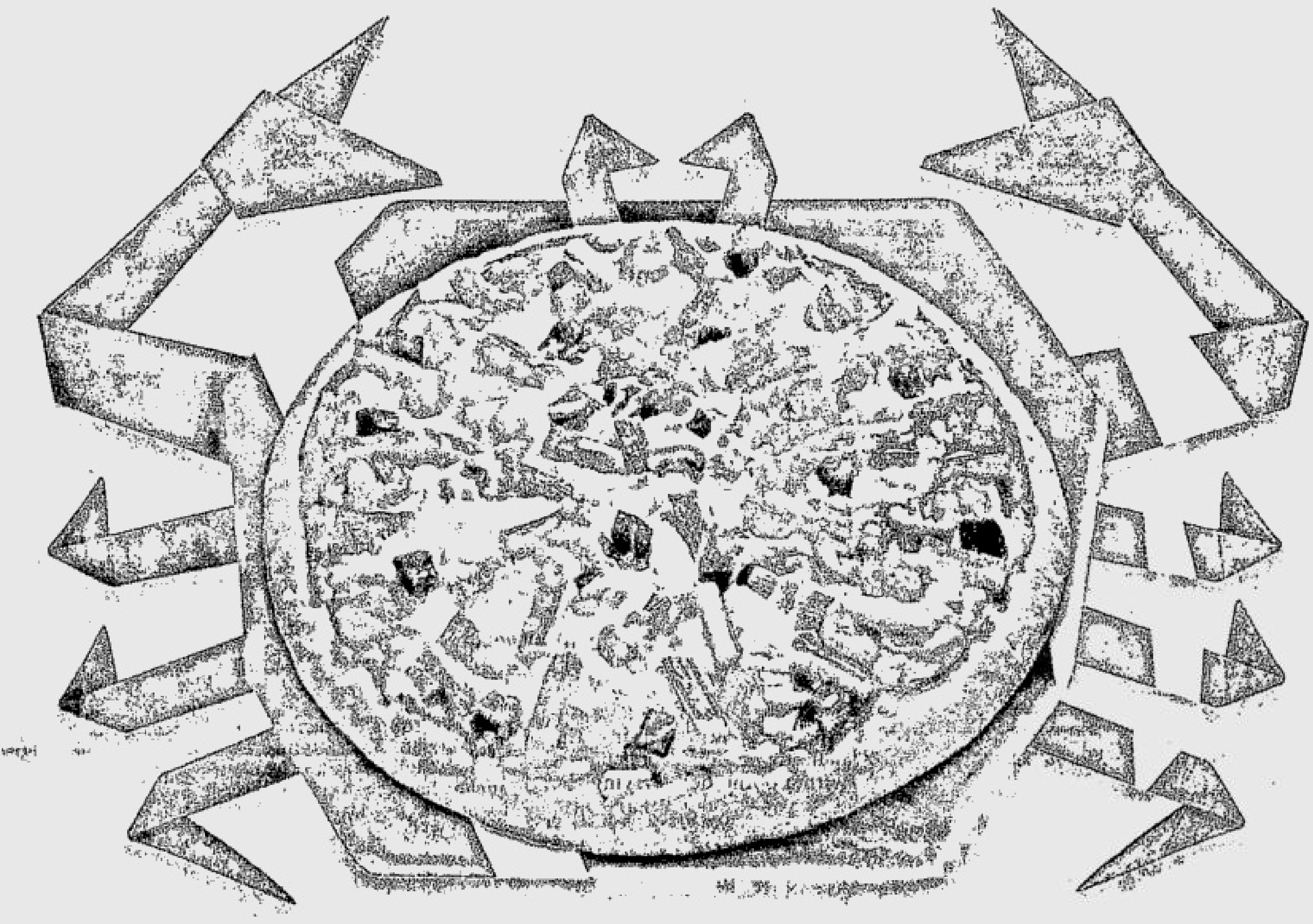
ABSTRACT painter Rosscapili mounts "Prismatic Lights" at the Metropolitan Gallery (4/L SM Megamall) until April 1. Rosscapili embellishes his painting with prismatic light. Call 897-5736 or 637-8387 to -88.

AQUARELLIST AT THE GALLERY. P.J. Lhuillier Foundation Inc. and Cebuana Lhuillier Inc. present aquarellist Leonardo Reyes in "Ryukins and Good Fortune" to benefit the Mother Ignacia Development Foundation. The exhibit features 38 paintings on the ryukin species, goldfish of Japanese breed akin to koi (carps) valued for supposedly bringing good luck. The exhibit runs until March 22, at The Gallery (G/F PJL Corporate Center, 1782 Nicanor Garcia St., Makati City). Call 895-0753.

EDADES AT GENLUNA GALLERY. Joan Edades will open "Reprieve," featuring 25 recent works, at Davao City's.Genluna Gallery (12 General Luna St.) on March 21. Call (082) 226-2104 or (082) 221-0296.

AT ALLIANCE FRANCAISE. Alliance Francaise de Manille, with ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Kalikasan, presents an exhibit by painting and mixed media art students. The show explores the line as it relates to structure and forms that surround people. Participating are Virginia Amerling, Portia Besa, Mai Dheilly, Grace Eleazar, Valerie Kho, Ben Legaspi, Grace Mann, Yuko Nagai, Florian Saubier,

ROSSCAPILI/p.D7



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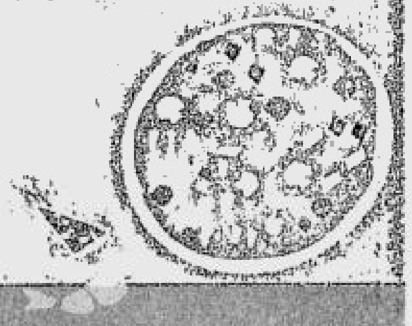

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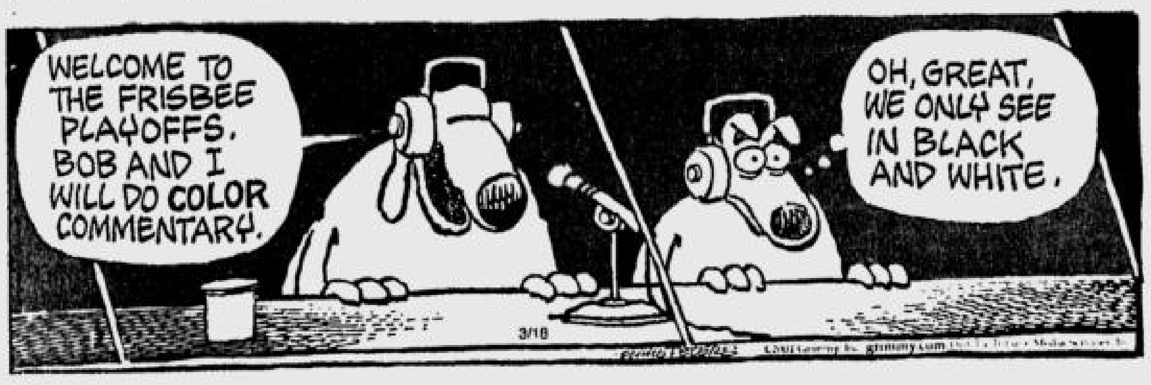
BY MIKE PETERS


WELCOME TO THE FRISBEE PLAYOFFS. BOB AND I WILL DO COLOR COMMENTARY.
OH, GREAT, WE ONLY SEE IN BLACK AND WHITE.
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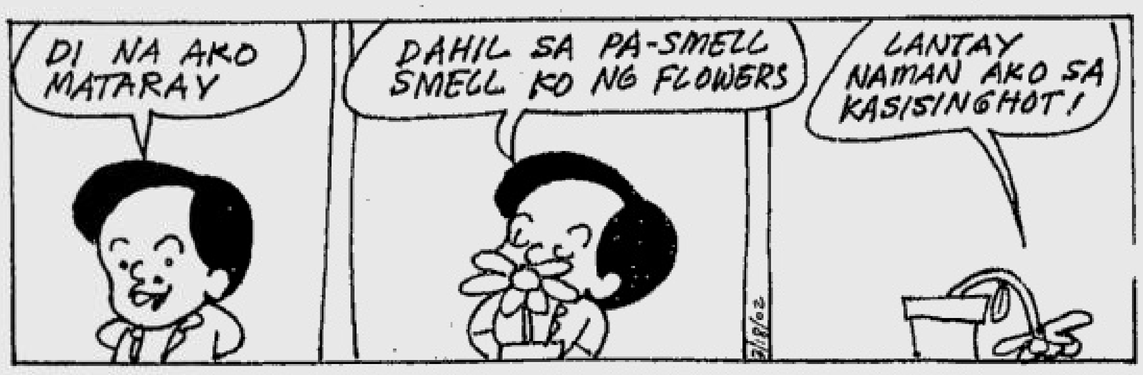
A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


DI NA AKO MATARAY
DAHIL SA PA-SMELL SMELL KO NG FLOWERS
LANTAY NAMAN AKO SA KASISINGHOT!
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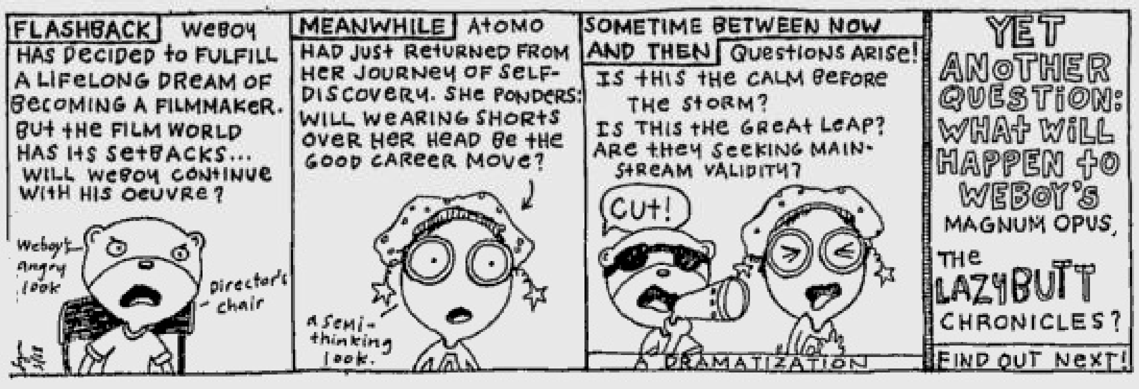
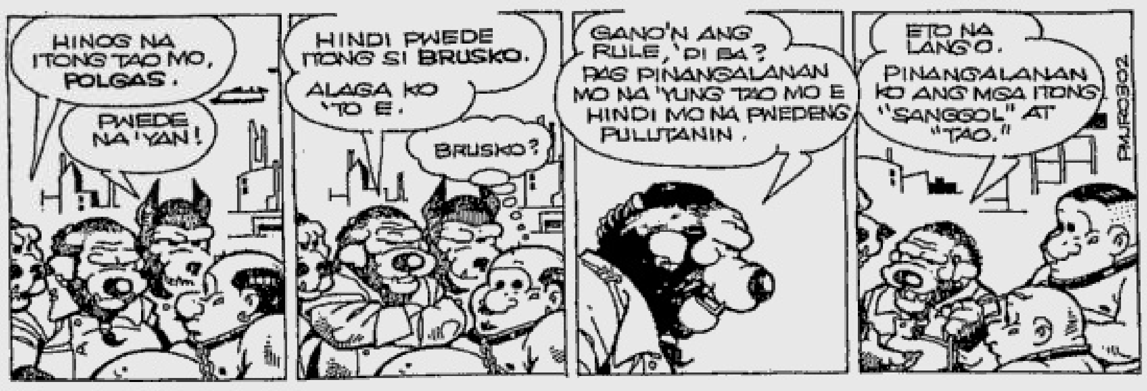
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


FLASHBACK Weboy HAS DECIDED to FULFILL A LIFELONG DREAM OF BECOMING A FILMMAKER. BUT the FILM WORLD HAS ItS SETBACKS... WILL WEBOY CONTINUE WITH HIS OEUVRE?
Weboy's angry look
Director's chair
MEANWHILE Atomo HAD JUST RETURNED FROM HER JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY. SHE PONDERS: WILL WEARING SHORTS OVER HER HEAD BE the GOOD CAREER MOVE?
A semi-thinking look.
SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN Questions ARISE! IS tHIS the CALM BEFORE The STORM? IS THIS the GREAT LEAP? ARE they SEEKING MAINSTREAM VALIDITY?
CUT!
A DRAMATIZATION
YET ANOTHER QUESTION: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO WEBOY'S MAGNUM OPUS, THE LAZYBUTT CHRONICLES?
FIND OUT NEXT!

PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR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PWEDE NA 'YAN!
HINDI PWEDE ITONG SI BRUSKO.
ALAGA KO 'TO E.
BRUSKO?
GANO'N ANG RULE, 'DI BA? PAG PINANGALANAN MO NA 'YUNG TAO MO E HINDI MO NA PWEDENG PULUTANIN.
ETO NA LANG'O.
PINANGALANAN KO ANG MGA ITONG "SANGGOL" AT "TAO."
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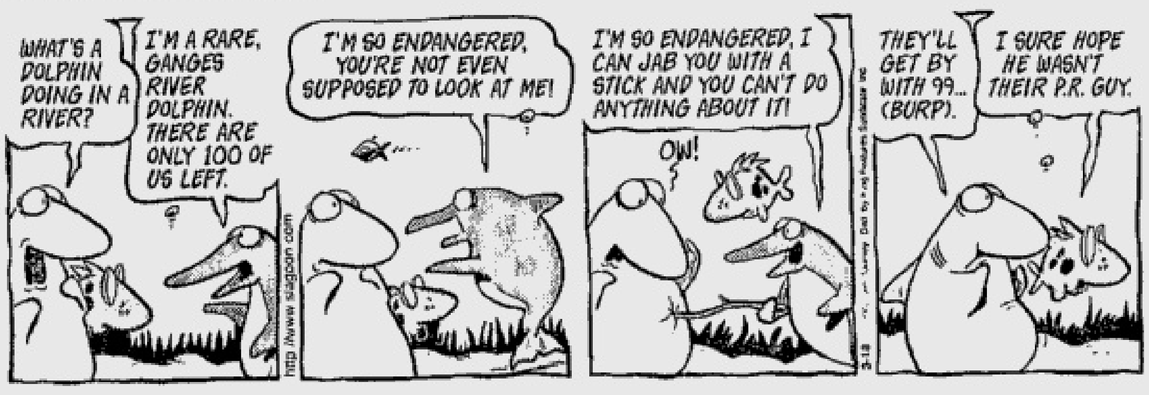
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


WHAT'S A DOLPHIN DOING IN A RIVER?
I'M A RARE, GANGES RIVER DOLPHIN. THERE ARE ONLY 100 OF US LEFT.
http://www.slagoon.com
I'M SO ENDANGERED, YOU'RE NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT ME!
I'M SO ENDANGERED, I CAN JAB YOU WITH A STICK AND YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
OW!
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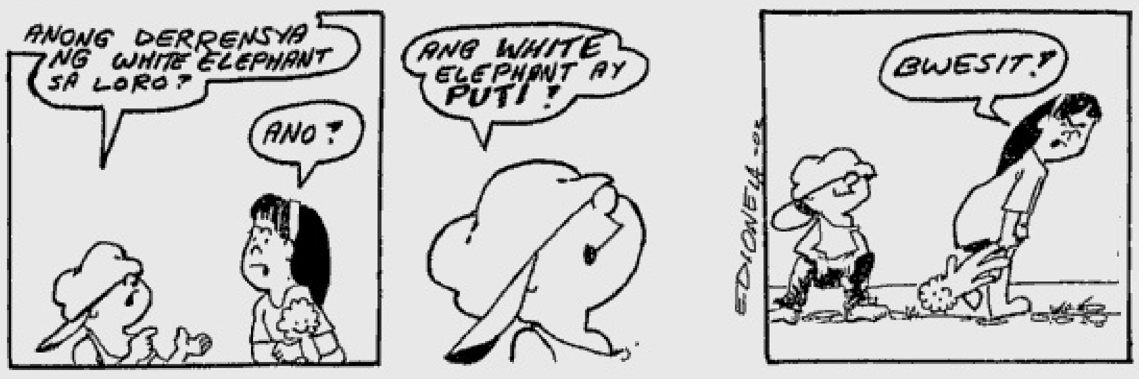
THEY'LL GET BY WITH 99... (BURP).
I SURE HOPE HE WASN'T THEIR P.R. GUY.

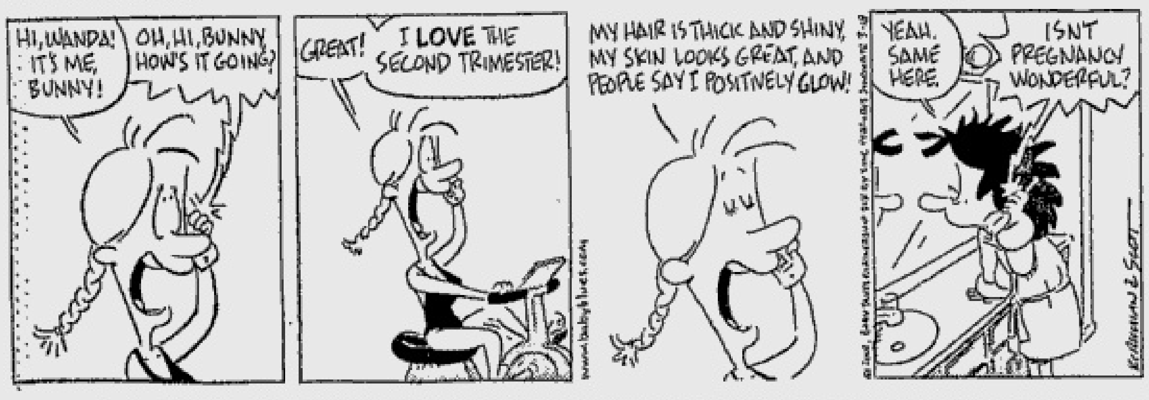
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


ANONG DERRENSYA NG WHITE ELEPHANT SA LORO?
ANO?
ANG WHITE ELEPHANT AY PUTI!
EDIONELA-02
BWESIT!

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


HI, WANDA! IT'S ME, BUNNY!
OH, HI, BUNNY. HOW'S IT GOING?
GREAT!
I LOVE THE SECOND TRIMESTER!
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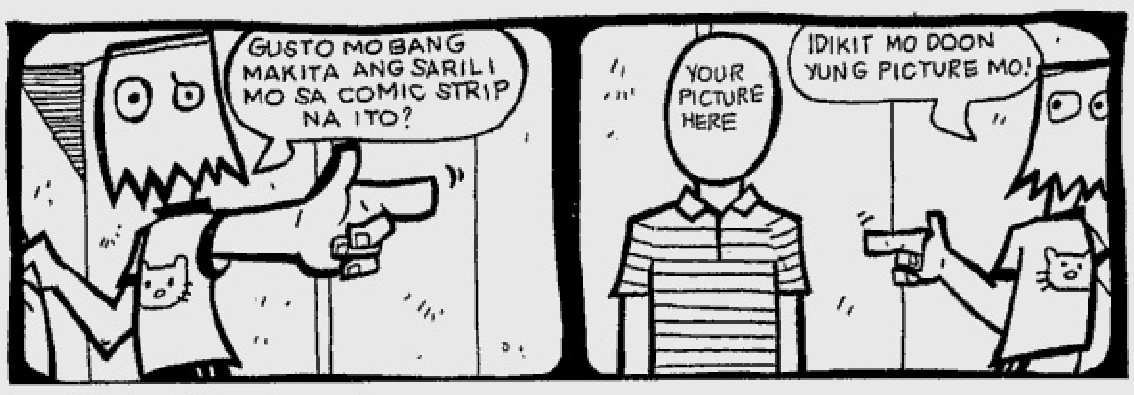
MY HAIR IS THICK AND SHINY, MY SKIN LOOKS GREAT, AND PEOPLE SAY I POSITIVELY GLOW!
YEAH. SAME HERE.
ISN'T PREGNANCY WONDERFUL?
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

GARAPATA BLOOD

BY JOHN PAUL CUISON


GUSTO MO BANG MAKITA ANG SARILI MO SA COMIC STRIP NA ITO?
YOUR PICTURE HERE
IDIKIT MO DOON YUNG PICTURE MO!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Charley Pride, Vanessa Williams, Queen Latifah, Devin Lima

Happy Birthday: You have opportunities around you that you must not miss out on. You have to put more faith in yourself and your abilities. Be ready to present your ideas by the middle of the year and be fearless when it comes to standing up for yourself and your beliefs. Your numbers are 15, 18, 21, 28, 32, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stop wasting time. You can get a lot out of the way if you put your mind to it. Money is there for the taking if you are quick to jump at financial opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find it difficult to deal with others today if you can't see the brighter side of life. Shake off any feelings of regret and start focusing on getting on with your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a deep breath and plan your investment strategy. Your die-hard approach to making money coupled with your ingenuity should prove to bring in extra cash.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get out and join an organization that you believe in and do your best to lend a helping hand. Your contribution will be well received

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do-it-yourself should be your motto today. It won't be easy to get others to follow your lead or back your ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tune in to the conversations going on around you. There will be plenty of interesting information to pick up and you should be able to contribute some yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some fancy maneuvers if you are quick to respond to the opportunities that are present. Don't make your financial decisions based on what someone else decides to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your emotional state of mind get the better of you. If you conjure up all sorts of wild thoughts about what your partner is up to you may end up in an argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take time to get to know some of your colleagues or peers better today. If you understand what everyone around you is trying to accomplish it will be much easier to figure out who is most suitable to help you with your own goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A conservative approach will lead you down the right path today. You will appear stable and strong if you follow traditional means and this will bring you added support and admiration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get out and do things with friends today. Sticking around home will only lead to trouble. You won't be able to do anything right if you are dealing with family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be dreaming about faraway places today. Indulge yourself and visit your local travel agent. You may find a good deal on a travel package that will help you fulfill your desires.

Birthday Baby: You have great vision, and when you implement it into your everyday life you will excel. You are extremely generous, sympathetic, adaptable and insightful.

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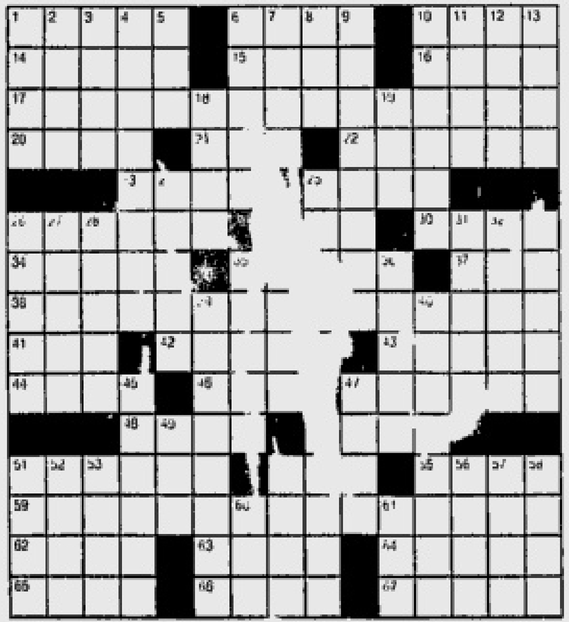

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Portland, OR

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1 Kind of release or box
6 Bacon quantity
10 Funny fall
14 Flinch or start
15 __ contendere
16 Yorkshire river
17 Where to get your kicks?
20 Whipping scar
21 Chow down
22 Inspect
23 Tick's partner
25 Head-to-head contest
26 Clumsy
29 Weekday abbr.
30 Scads
34 Stomachs of ruminants
35 Ponderosa or Reata, e.g.
37 First name in honesty
38 Landon series
41 112.5 degrees from S
42 Rot-resistant wood
43 Elite social category
44 Presley hit of 1958
46 Brown with a band
47 Jets and gliders
48 Arab leader
50 Operatic voice
51 Gain
54 Word in sequels
55 Soda-pop nut
59 Robert Frost's "one less travelled by"
62 French mother
63 Bank offering
64 Zhou __
65 Fax button
66 Response times
67 Nicholas and Ivan, e.g.

DOWN
1 Bow on a liner
2 Lacoste of the courts
3 British peer
4 Kind of terrier or reel
5 R-V hookup
6 Move furtively
7 Irretrievable
8 The Greatest
9 Picnic parcel
10 Money under the table?
11 Chance taken
12 Opera song
13 Written part
18 Part of M.I.T.
19 Sock end
24 Conductor Seiji
25 Contributor
26 Voiced wonder
27 Kind of acid
28 Steely Dan's singer
29 Australian pals
31 "Alice" star
32 More than 20% overweight
33 Pitched shelters
35 "Death on a Pale Horse" painter
36 Cures
39 On the whole
40 Skagway populace
45 Wept
47 Utter breathlessly
49 "O sole __"
50 Timely benefits
51 $$ dispensers
52 Friend's pronoun
53 Shore bird
54 Hitch
56 Kans. neighbor
57 Regan's father
58 Black cuckoos
60 Morgue letters
61 Hanoi holiday

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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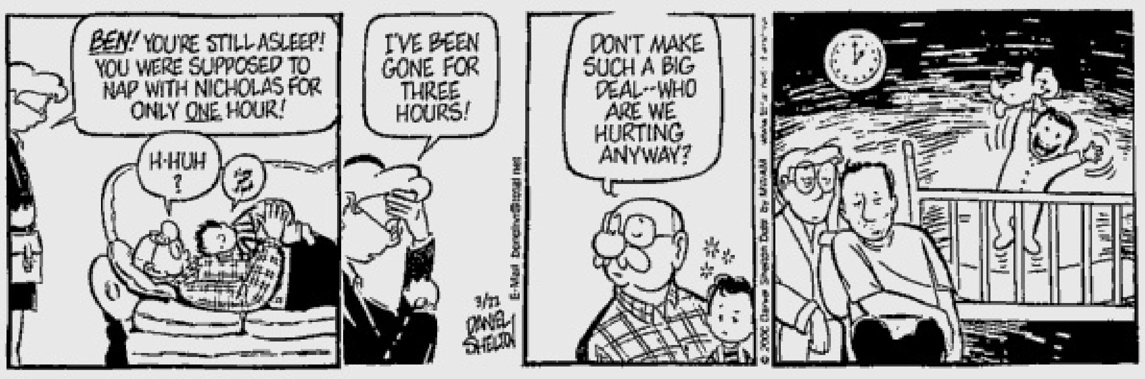
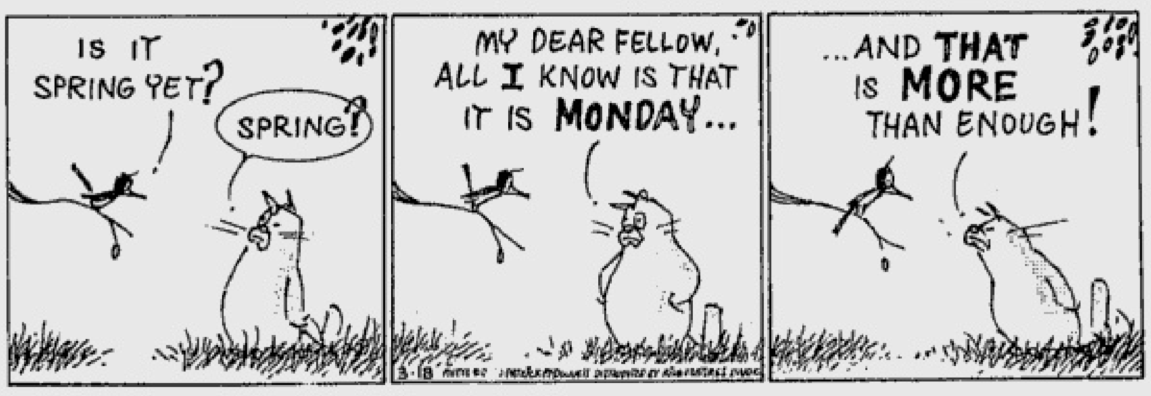
BY DANIEL SHELTON


BEN! YOU'RE STILL ASLEEP! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO NAP WITH NICHOLAS FOR ONLY ONE HOUR!
H-HUH?
Z
I'VE BEEN GONE FOR THREE HOURS!
3/21 DANIEL SHELTON
DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL--WHO ARE WE HURTING ANYWAY?

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


IS IT SPRING YET?
SPRING?
MY DEAR FELLOW, ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT IS MONDAY...
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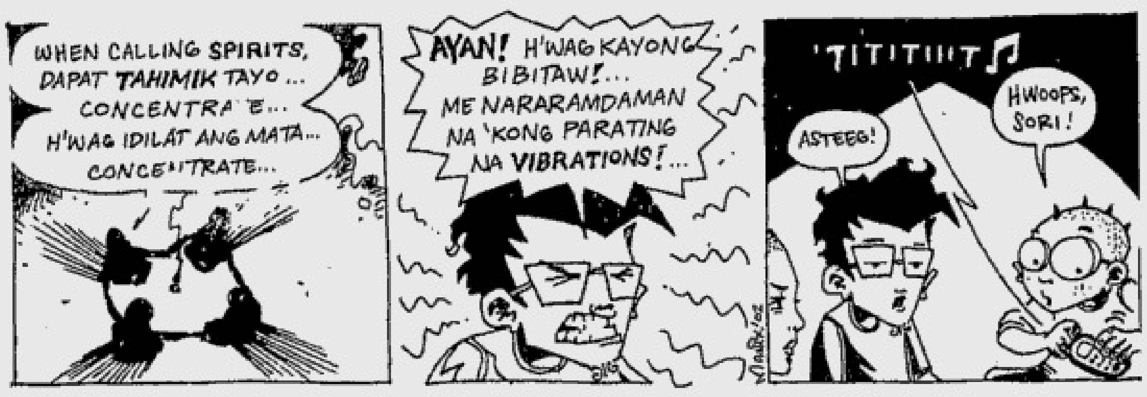
...AND THAT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!

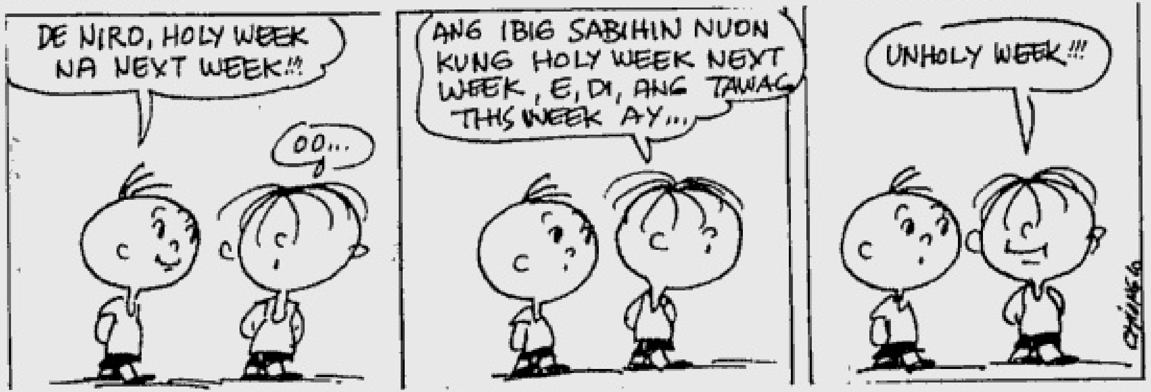
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


WHEN CALLING SPIRITS, DAPAT TAHIMIK TAYO... CONCENTRATE... H'WAG IDILAT ANG MATA... CONCENTRATE...
AYAN! H'WAG KAYONG BIBITAW!... ME NARARAMDAMAN NA 'KONG PARATING NA VIBRATIONS!...
'TITITIIIT
ASTEEG!
HWOOPS, SORI!

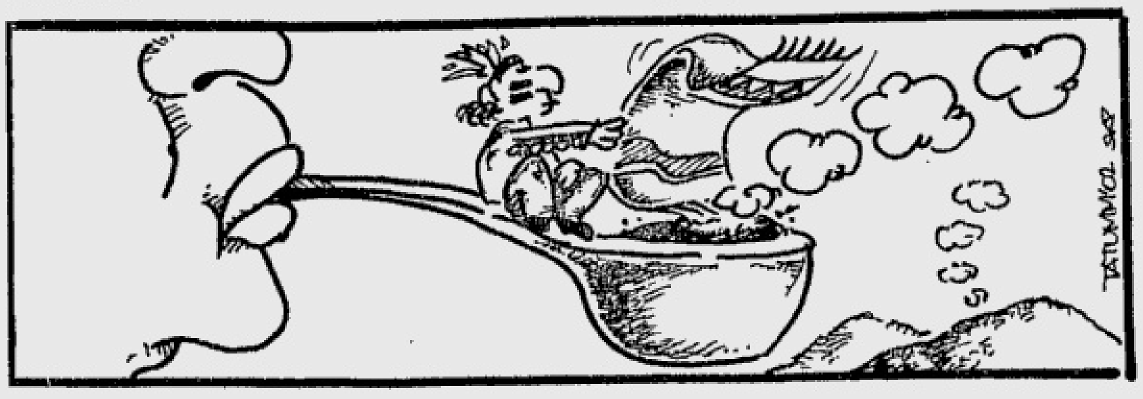
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


DE NIRO, HOLY WEEK NA NEXT WEEK!!
OO...
ANG IBIG SABIHIN NUON KUNG HOLY WEEK NEXT WEEK, E, DI, ANG TAWAG THIS WEEK AY...
UNHOLY WEEK!!!
CHIONG

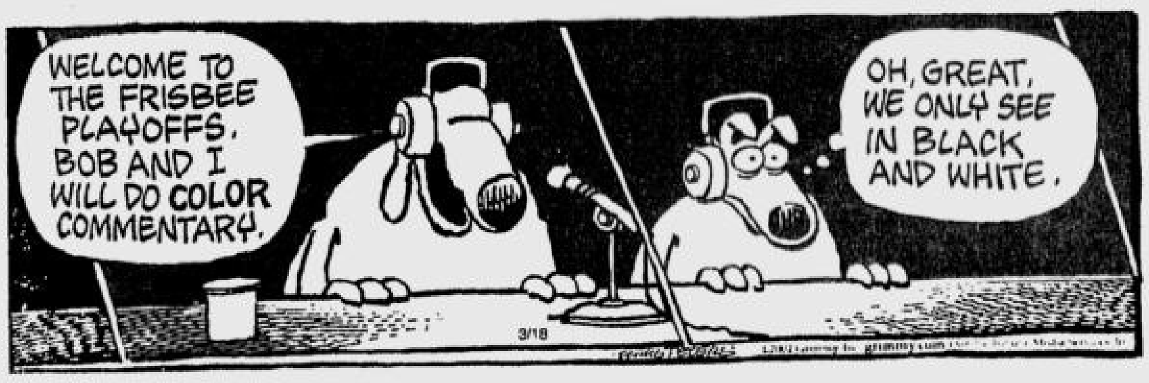
TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


WELCOME TO THE FRISBEE PLAYOFFS. BOB AND I WILL DO COLOR COMMENTARY.
OH, GREAT, WE ONLY SEE IN BLACK AND WHITE.
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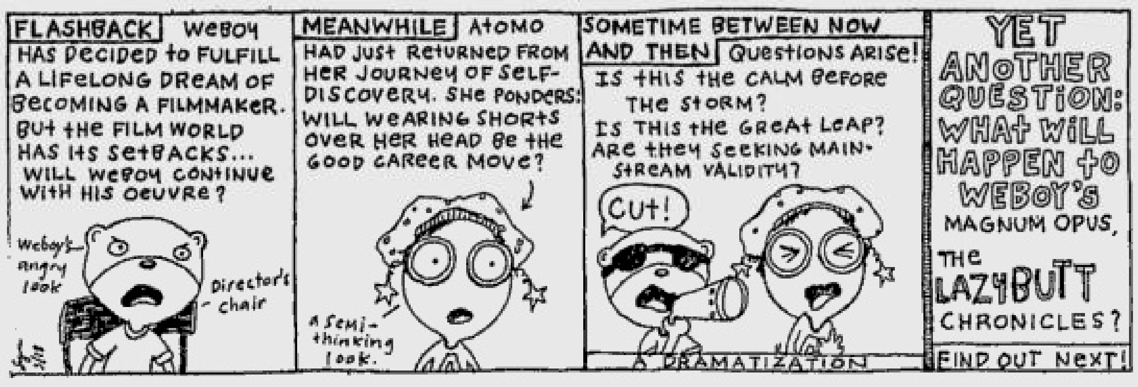
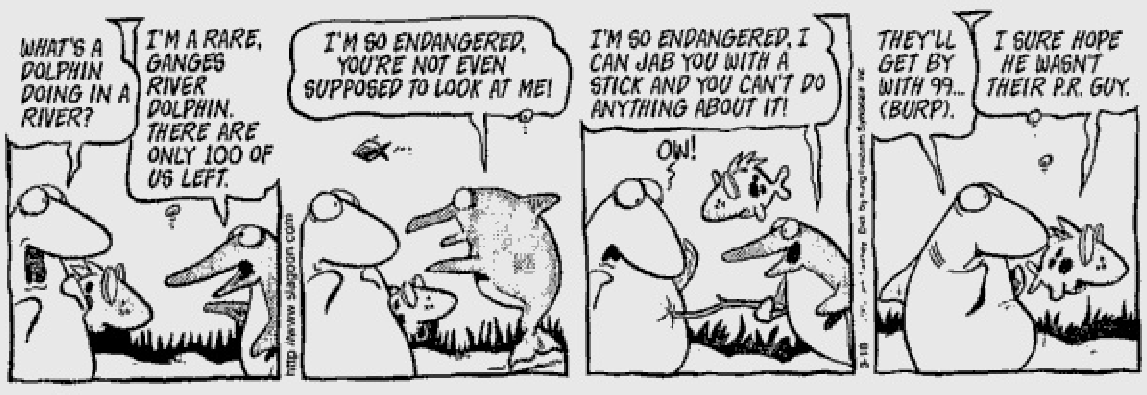
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


FLASHBACK Weboy HAS DECIDED TO FULFILL A LIFELONG DREAM OF BECOMING A FILMMAKER. BUT THE FILM WORLD HAS ITS SETBACKS... WILL WEBOY CONTINUE WITH HIS OEUVRE?
Weboy's angry look
Director's chair
MEANWHILE Atomo HAD JUST RETURNED FROM HER JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY. SHE PONDERS: WILL WEARING SHORTS OVER HER HEAD BE THE GOOD CAREER MOVE?
A semi-thinking look.
SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN Questions Arise! IS THIS THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM? IS THIS THE GREAT LEAP? ARE THEY SEEKING MAINSTREAM VALIDITY?
CUT!
A DRAMATIZATION
YET ANOTHER QUESTION: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO WEBOY'S MAGNUM OPUS, THE LAZYBUTT CHRONICLES?
FIND OUT NEXT!

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


WHAT'S A DOLPHIN DOING IN A RIVER?
I'M A RARE, GANGES RIVER DOLPHIN. THERE ARE ONLY 100 OF US LEFT.
I'M SO ENDANGERED, YOU'RE NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT ME!
I'M SO ENDANGERED, I CAN JAB YOU WITH A STICK AND YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
OW!
THEY'LL GET BY WITH 99... (BURP).
I SURE HOPE HE WASN'T THEIR P.R. GUY.
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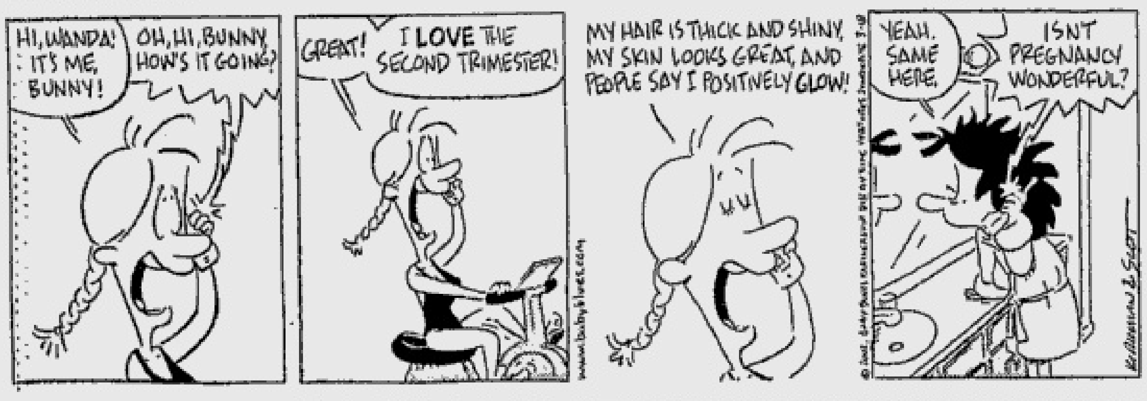
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


HI, WANDA! IT'S ME, BUNNY!
OH, HI, BUNNY. HOW'S IT GOING?
GREAT!
I LOVE THE SECOND TRIMESTER!
MY HAIR IS THICK AND SHINY, MY SKIN LOOKS GREAT, AND PEOPLE SAY I POSITIVELY GLOW!
YEAH. SAME HERE.
ISN'T PREGNANCY WONDERFUL?
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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Charley Pride, Vanessa Williams, Queen Latifah, Devin Lima

Happy Birthday: You have opportunities around you that you must not miss out on. You have to put more faith in yourself and your abilities. Be ready to present your ideas by the middle of the year and be fearless when it comes to standing up for yourself and your beliefs. Your numbers are 15, 18, 21, 28, 32, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stop wasting time. You can get a lot out of the way if you put your mind to it. Money is there for the taking if you are quick to jump at financial opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find it difficult to deal with others today if you can't see the brighter side of life. Shake off any feelings of regret and start focusing on getting on with your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a deep breath and plan your investment strategy. Your die-hard approach to making money coupled with your ingenuity should prove to bring in extra cash.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get out and join an organization that you believe in and do your best to lend a helping hand. Your contribution will be well received

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do-it-yourself should be your motto today. It won't be easy to get others to follow your lead or back your ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tune in to the conversations going on around you. There will be plenty of interesting information to pick up and you should be able to contribute some yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some fancy maneuvers if you are quick to respond to the opportunities that are present. Don't make your financial decisions based on what someone else decides to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your emotional state of mind get the better of you. If you conjure up all sorts of wild thoughts about what your partner is up to you may end up in an argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take time to get to know some of your colleagues or peers better today. If you understand what everyone around you is trying to accomplish it will be much easier to figure out who is most suitable to help you with your own goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A conservative approach will lead you down the right path today. You will appear stable and strong if you follow traditional means and this will bring you added support and admiration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get out and do things with friends today. Sticking around home will only lead to trouble. You won't be able to do anything right if you are dealing with family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be dreaming about faraway places today. Indulge yourself and visit your local travel agent. You may find a good deal on a travel package that will help you fulfill your desires.

Birthday Baby: You have great vision, and when you implement it into your everyday life you will excel. You are extremely generous, sympathetic, adaptable and insightful.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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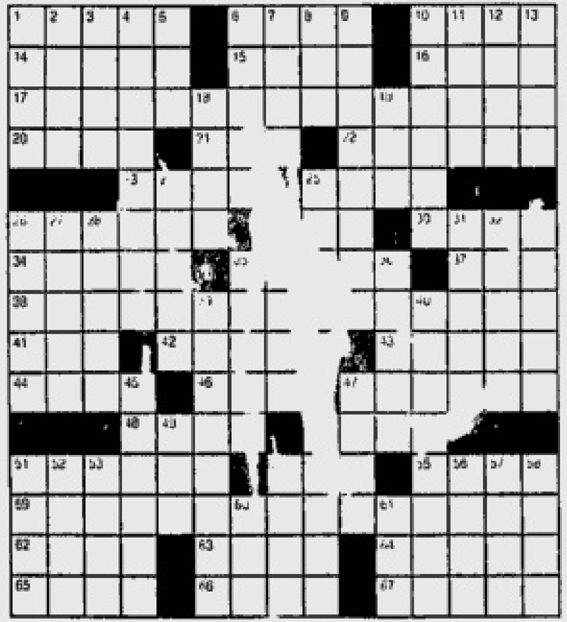

By Gerald R. Ferguson
Portland, OR

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ACROSS
1 Kind of release or box
6 Bacon quantity
10 Funny fall
14 Flinch or start
15 __ contendere
16 Yorkshire river
17 Where to get your kicks?
20 Whipping scar
21 Chow down
22 Inspect
23 Tick's partner
25 Head-to-head contest
26 Clumsy
29 Weekday abbr.
30 Scads
34 Stomachs of ruminants
35 Ponderosa or Reata, e.g.
37 First name in honesty
38 Landon series
41 112.5 degrees from S
42 Rot-resistant wood
43 Elite social category
44 Presley hit of 1956
46 Brown with a band
47 Jets and gliders
48 Arab leader
50 Operatic voice
51 Gain
54 Word in sequels
55 Soda-pop nut
59 Robert Frost's "one less travelled by"
62 French mother
63 Bank offering
64 Zhou __
65 Fax button
66 Response times
67 Nicholas and Ivan, e.g.

DOWN
1 Bow on a liner
2 Lacoste of the courts
3 British peer
4 Kind of terrier or reel
5 R-V hookup
6 Move furtively
7 Irretrievable
8 The Greatest
9 Picnic parcel
10 Money under the table?
11 Chance taken
12 Opera song
13 Written part
18 Part of M.I.T.
19 Sock end
24 Conductor Seiji
25 Contributor
26 Voiced wonder
27 Kind of acid
28 Steely Dan's singer
29 Australian pals
31 "Alice" star
32 More than 20% overweight
33 Pitched shelters
35 "Death on a Pale Horse" painter
36 Cures
39 On the whole
40 Skagway populace
45 Wept
47 Utter breathlessly
49 "O sole __"
50 Timely benefits
51 $$ dispensers
52 Friend's pronoun
53 Shore bird
54 Hitch
56 Kans. neighbor
57 Regan's father
58 Black cuckoos
60 Morgue letters
61 Hanoi holiday

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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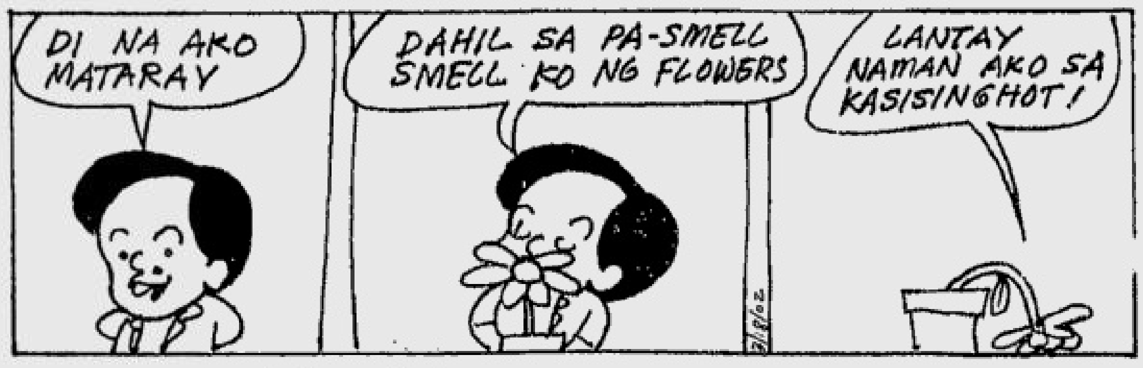
DI NA AKO MATARAY
DAHIL SA PA-SMELL SMELL KO NG FLOWERS
LANTAY NAMAN AKO SA KASISINGHOT!
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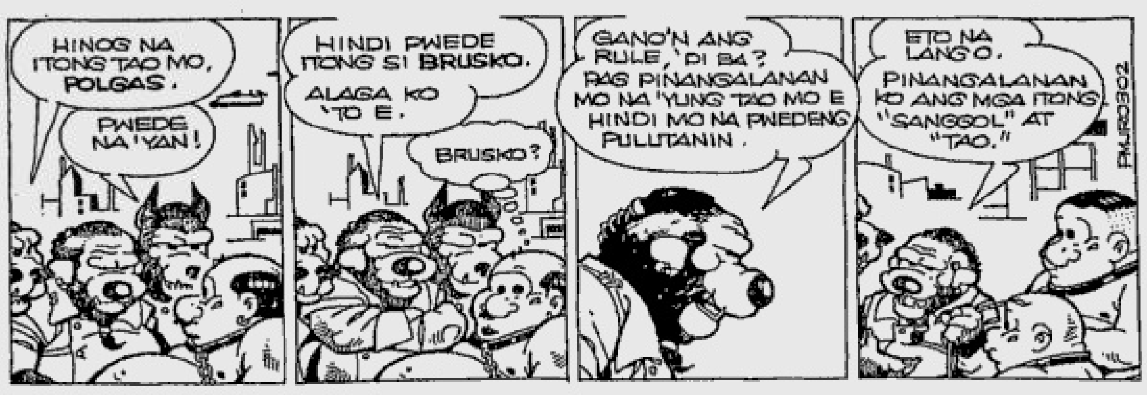
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


HINOG NA ITONG TAO MO, POLGAS.
PWEDE NA 'YAN!
HINDI PWEDE ITONG SI BRUSKO.
ALAGA KO 'TO E.
BRUSKO?
GANO'N ANG RULE, 'DI BA? PAG PINANGALANAN MO NA 'YUNG TAO MO E HINDI MO NA PWEDENG PULUTANIN.
ETO NA LANG O.
PINANGALANAN KO ANG MGA ITONG "SANGGOL" AT "TAO."
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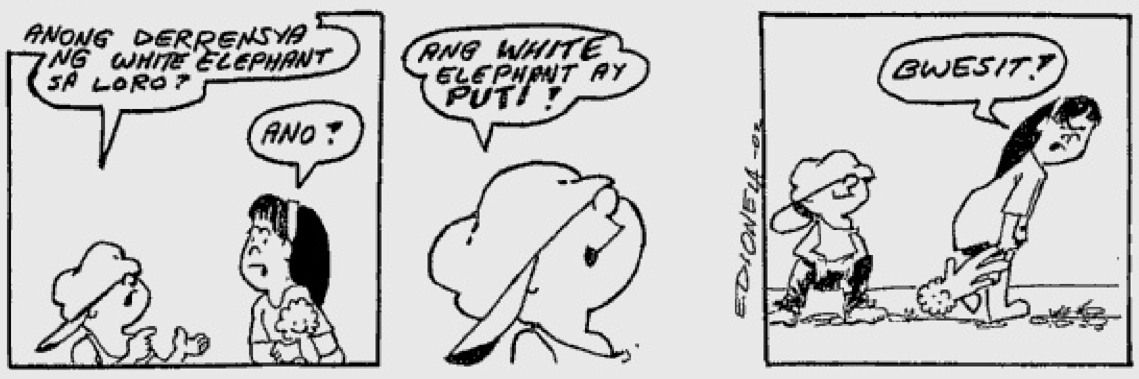
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


ANONG DERRENSYA NG WHITE ELEPHANT SA LORO?
ANO?
ANG WHITE ELEPHANT AY PUTI!
BWESIT!
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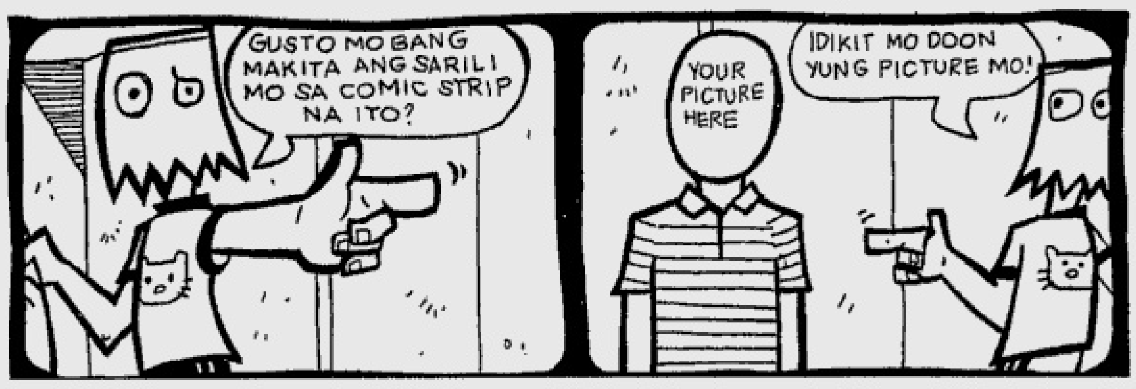
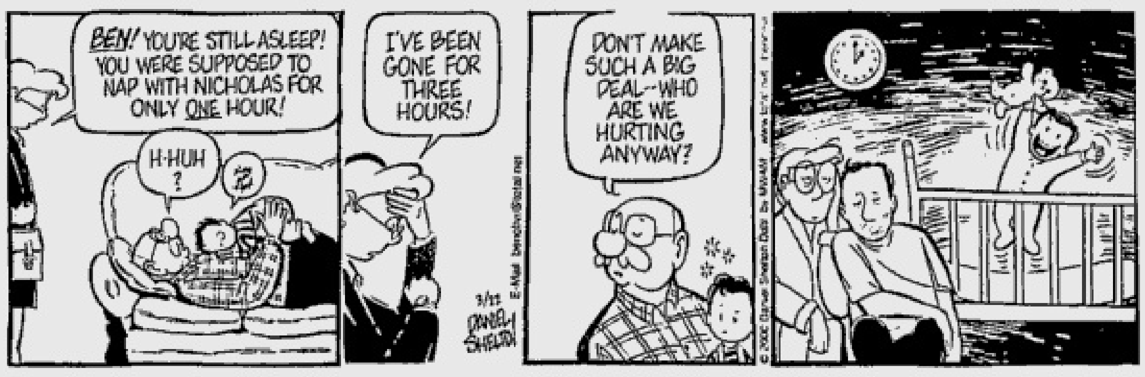
GARAPATA BLOOD

BY JOHN PAUL CUISON


GUSTO MO BANG MAKITA ANG SARILI MO SA COMIC STRIP NA ITO?
YOUR PICTURE HERE
IDIKIT MO DOON YUNG PICTURE MO!

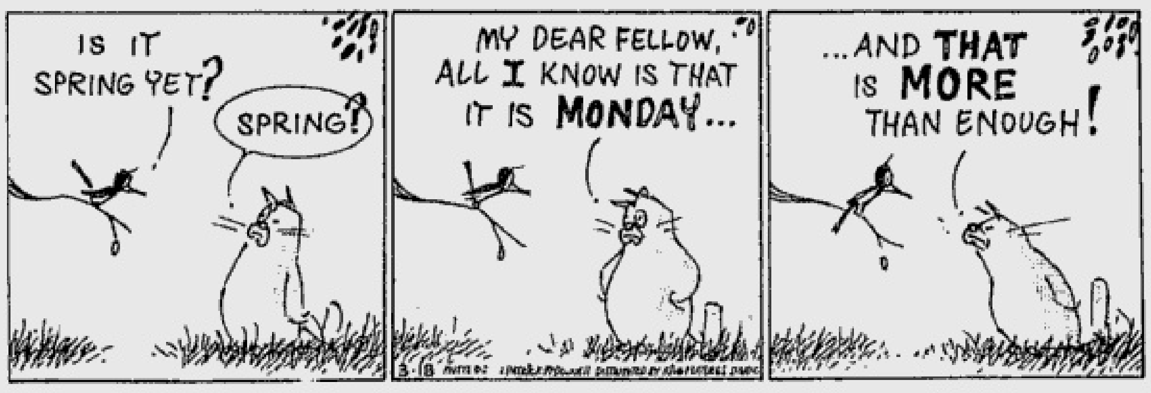
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


BEN! YOU'RE STILL ASLEEP! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO NAP WITH NICHOLAS FOR ONLY ONE HOUR!
H-HUH?
I'VE BEEN GONE FOR THREE HOURS!
DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL--WHO ARE WE HURTING ANYWAY?
DANIEL SHELTON

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


IS IT SPRING YET?
SPRING?
MY DEAR FELLOW, ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT IS MONDAY...
...AND THAT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
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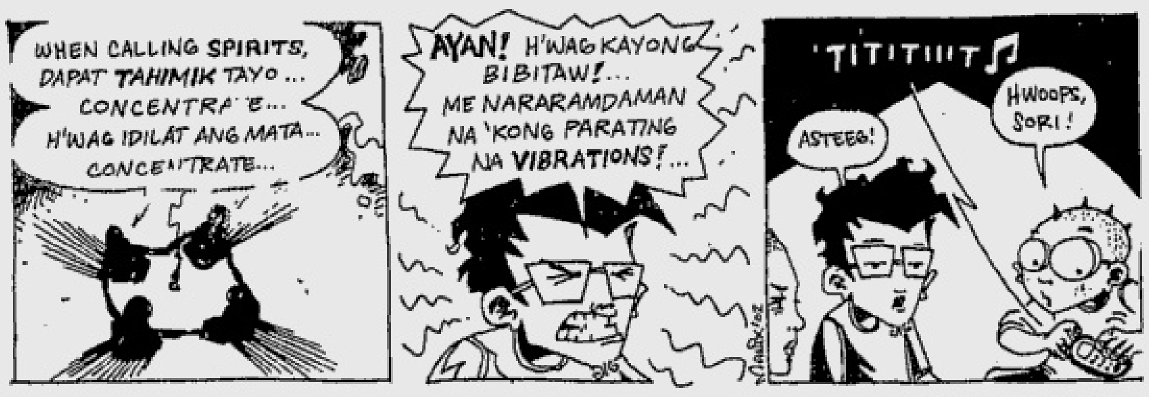
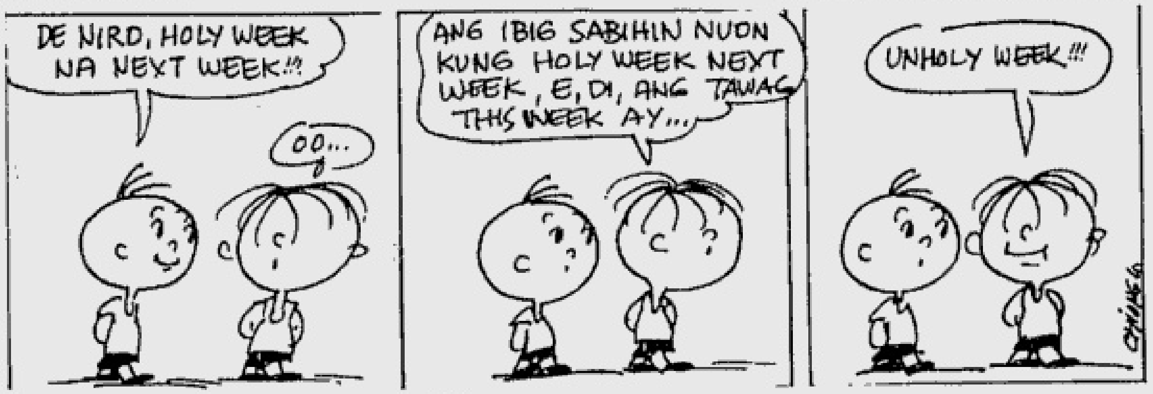
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


WHEN CALLING SPIRITS, DAPAT TAHIMIK TAYO... CONCENTRATE... H'WAG IDILAT ANG MATA... CONCENTRATE...
AYAN! H'WAG KAYONG BIBITAW!... ME NARARAMDAMAN NA 'KONG PARATING NA VIBRATIONS!...
'TITITIIIT
ASTEEG!
HWOOPS, SORI!

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


DE NIRD, HOLY WEEK NA NEXT WEEK!!
OO...
ANG IBIG SABIHIN NUON KUNG HOLY WEEK NEXT WEEK, E, DI, ANG TAWAG THIS WEEK AY...
UNHOLY WEEK!!!
CHIONGLO

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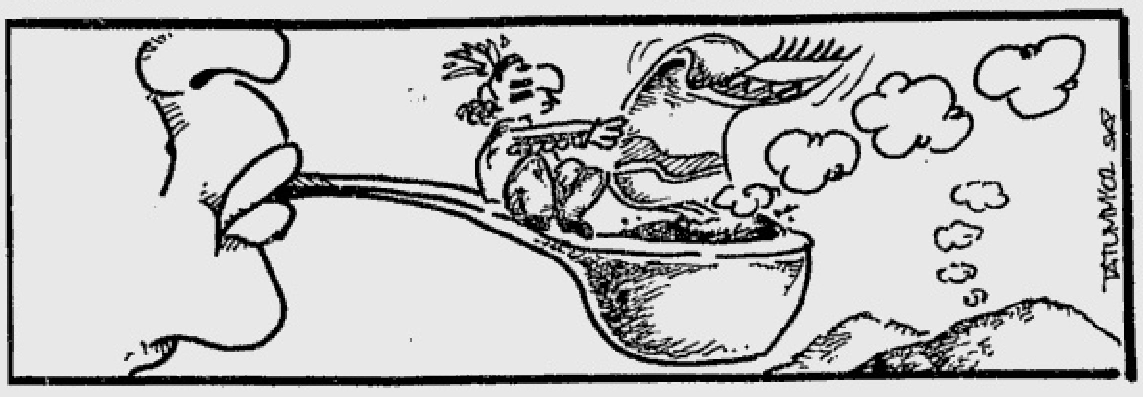
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Rosscapili at Metropolitan . . .

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Claire-Lise Schumacher, Cy Tamura and Ma. Celia Tabios. Proceeds will be donated to ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Kalikasan "Save La Mesa Watershed Project." The exhibit opens today at 6:30 p.m. at the Alliance Francaise de Manille Totalfinaelf Gallery (209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City). It will run until March 27. Call 895-7585/7441.

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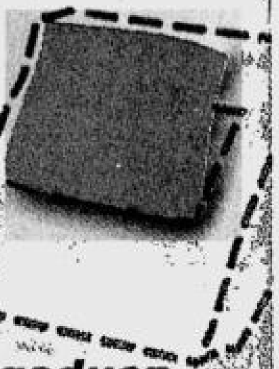

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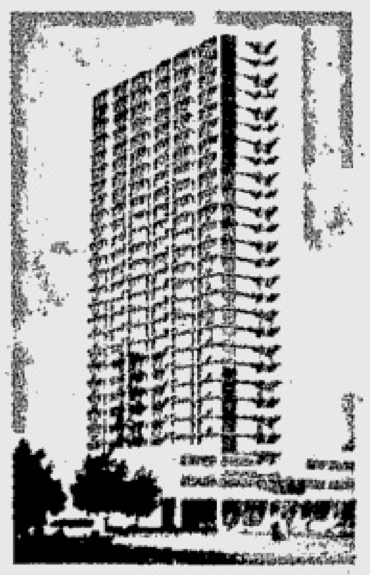

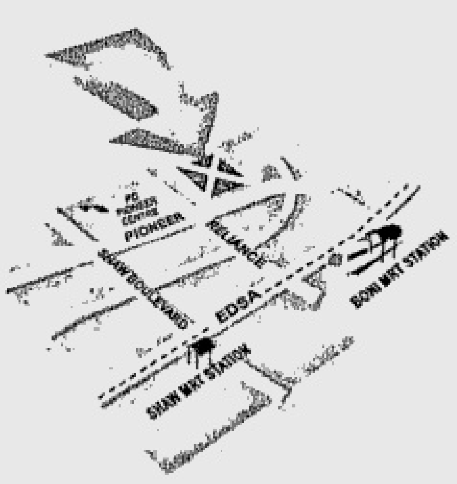

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BROECK AT GALLERY 139. Jeff Van den Broeck, a Belgian journalist turned potter, presents his one-man show until March 27 at Gallery 139 (3/L Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City).

GROUP EXHIBIT AT HEART CENTER. The Philippine Heart Center presents "Flora and Fauna" tonight at 6. Exhibiting their latest works on nature and other subjects are Marnie Corpuz, Hezekiah C. Lopez and the Martinez siblings of Asingan, Pangasinan: Eric, Dahlia, Freddie and Marites. The Art Gallery of the PHCA is on East Avenue, QC. The exhibit will run until March 30.

PADILLA AT BOSTON GALLERY. Vincent Padilla holds his first solo exhibit of paintings in oil on canvas dubbed "Umaga, Tanghali, Gabi" at Boston Gallery. The exhibit runs until March 30. Call 722-9205.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT. A major exhibit of Tibetan art is ongoing at the new associate gallery of The Tomlinson Collection, Raffles Fine Art. Dubbed "Pure Land," the exhibit gives a glimpse of Tibet's mystifying realm. It is open until March 24 at 58 Jupiter St., Bel-Air Village, Makati City. Call 895-0409 or 890-9302.

PINTANAW GROUP EXHIBIT. Galerie Y (4/L SM Megamall) presents the Pintanaw group. Featured are Aquilino Acasio, Antonio Bandalan, Eliezer Dimaculangan, Carlos Gabuco, Fred Ramirez, Jaime Kwong, Robbie Nubla, Omi Reyes, Danny Santiago, Melencio Sapnu and Fidel Sarmiento. The exhibit runs until March 26.

MARIKINA GROUP EXHIBIT. A special art exhibit will be presented in Marikina City's Bahay Pangkultura at Sining (J.P. Rizal Street, San Pedro) on March 20. Artists include Efren M. Alix, Rey Astorias, El Dosado, Lex Tubiera, Andrew Elmer, Jimmy Navarro, Jun Amper, Jaacan Castejon, Jun Indic, Danny Acuna, Jun Lofamia, Trobel Catalan, Julie Relox, Lynette Mamaclay, Anthony Pedral, Hans Villaflor, Mac Oliver Pedral, Larry Balesteros, Jeff Resurreccion De Leon, Elepa Bragais and Robert Dolar. The artists will have daily demonstrations and portrait sessions. Call 475-2701 or 525-5970.

E.R. TAGLE WORKSHOP. The summer art workshop by positivism exponent and painter E. R. Tagle will be held in four different venues: April 4-May 23, 2-5 p.m., Formation Center, Christ the King, Greenmeadows, QC; April 5-May 24, Gallery Ivydell, Kanlungan ng Sining (T.M. Kalaw, Roxas Boulevard, Rizal Park, Manila); April 6-May 25, Roozen Hall, St. John Bosco Parish, Arnaiz Avenue (Pasay Road), Makati City; and E.R. Tagle Gallery-Studio (1144 Chino Roces Ave., Makati City). Call 757-0198 or 899-1523.

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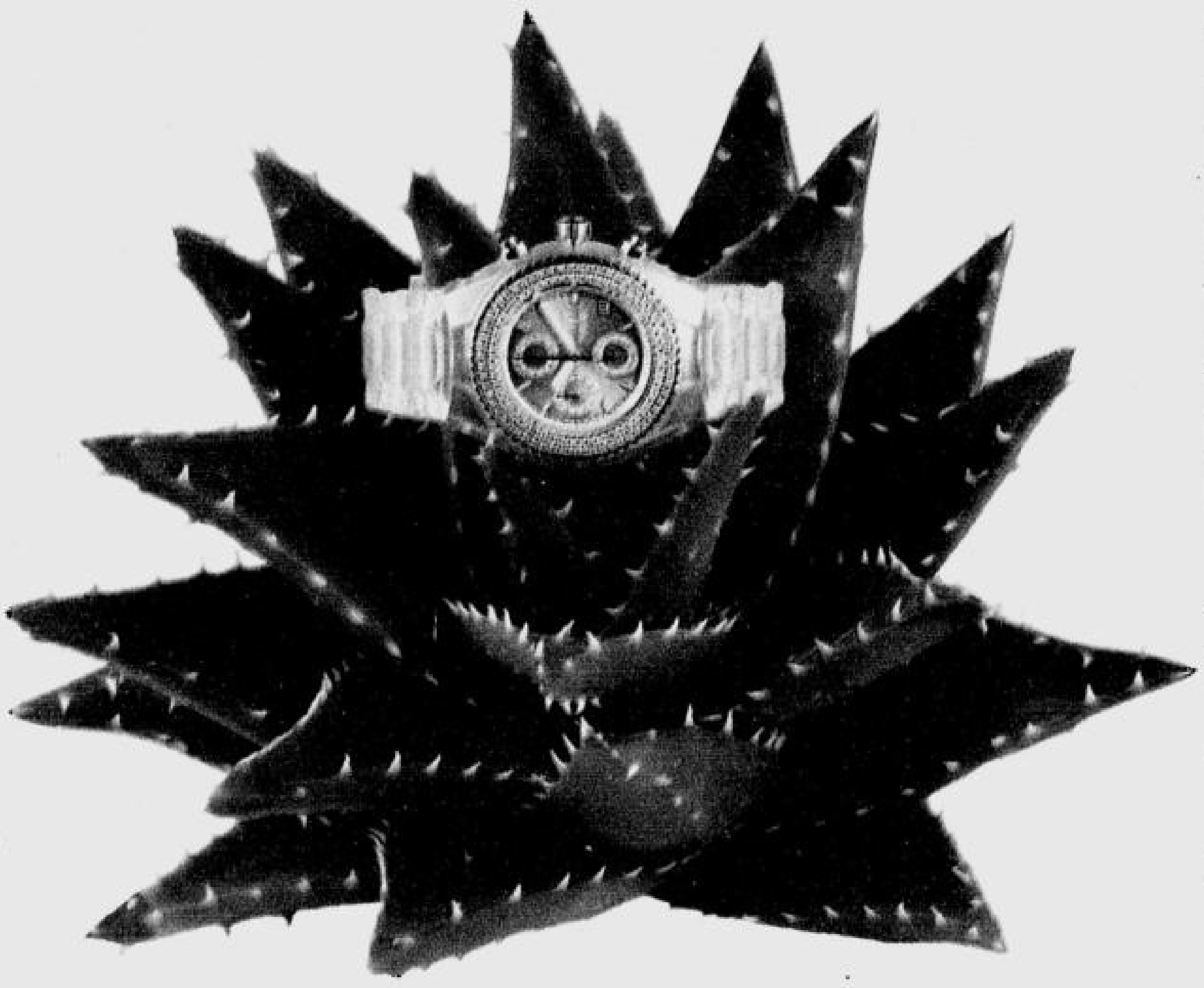

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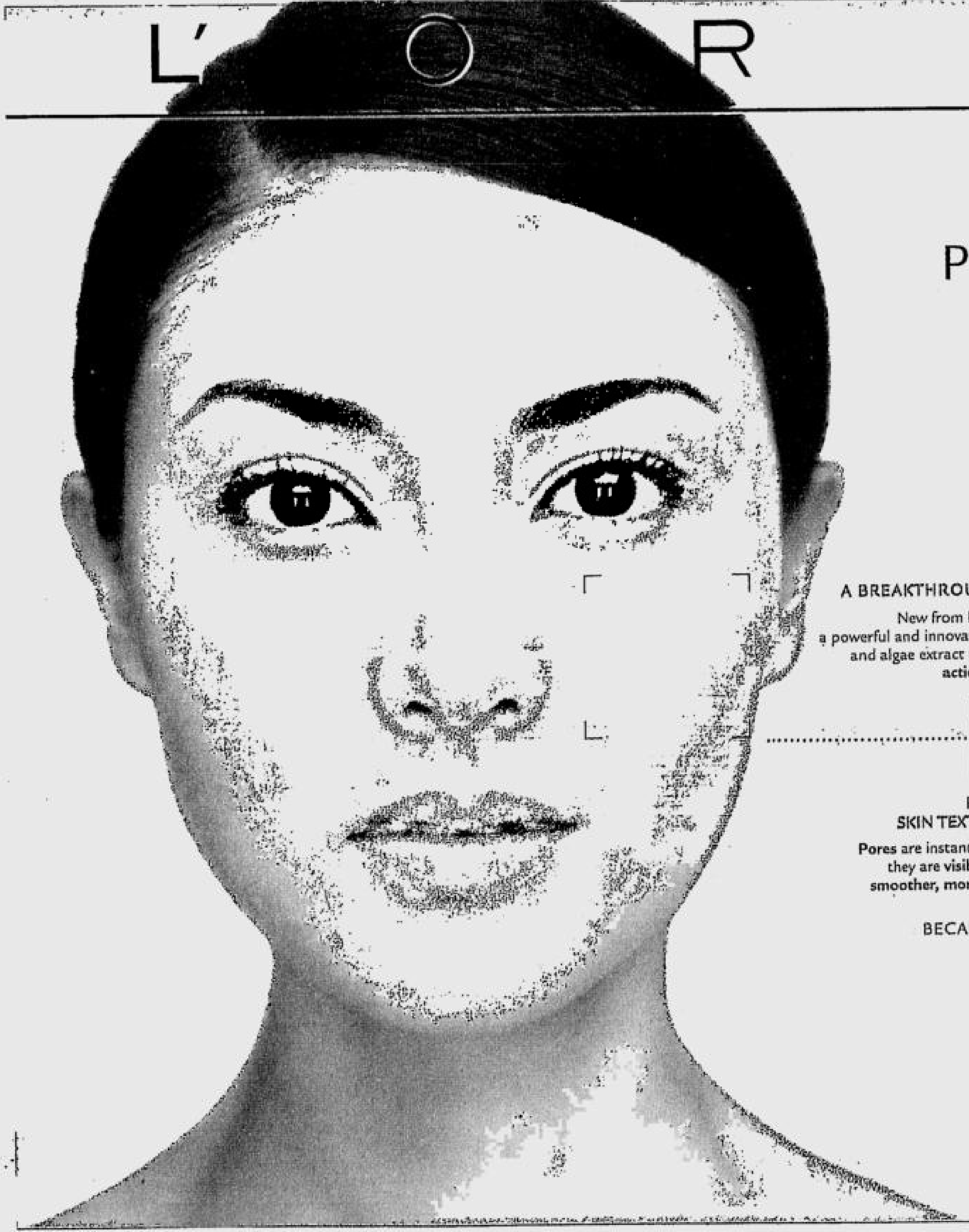

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Neil Garcia to autograph copies of new poetry collection at Oz

POET and critic J. Neil C. Garcia will be signing copies of his new book, "Kaluluwa: New and Selected Poems," tomorrow, 5:30 p.m., at Oz, a café and exhibit space located behind the Art Circle gallery in the Bahay ng Alumni Building, UP Diliman.

The occasion will also feature poets and visual artists who will be reading poems of their own choice. This will be the first in a series of poetry readings at Oz, the newest alternative space in the state university's sprawling QC campus.

Garcia teaches literature and creative writing in UP, where he serves as an Associate for poetry in the Likhaan: UP Creative Writing Center. "Kaluluwa," his fourth poetry collection, is published by the University of Santo Tomas Publishing House.

John Paul II hikes with 'spiritual mountaineers'

From page E1

The Pope shows that the laity are essential to the Church

the many paradigms with which to view life, the Church now calls on the laity to be witnesses through the example of their lives.

In "The Private Prayers of Pope John Paul II, Words of Inspiration," a collection of excerpts from the Holy Father's apostolic exhortations, encyclicals and messages to the people whenever he is on an official visit, the John Paul II engages the laity in a personal dialogue. It should make the Catholic lay people rest assured that in the story of salvation, they are not just ordinary sheep that follow the shepherd. Rather, using the words of Paul VI, the Pope describes the laity "spiritual mountaineers"—coauthors and cotravelers in the daunting task of evangelization.

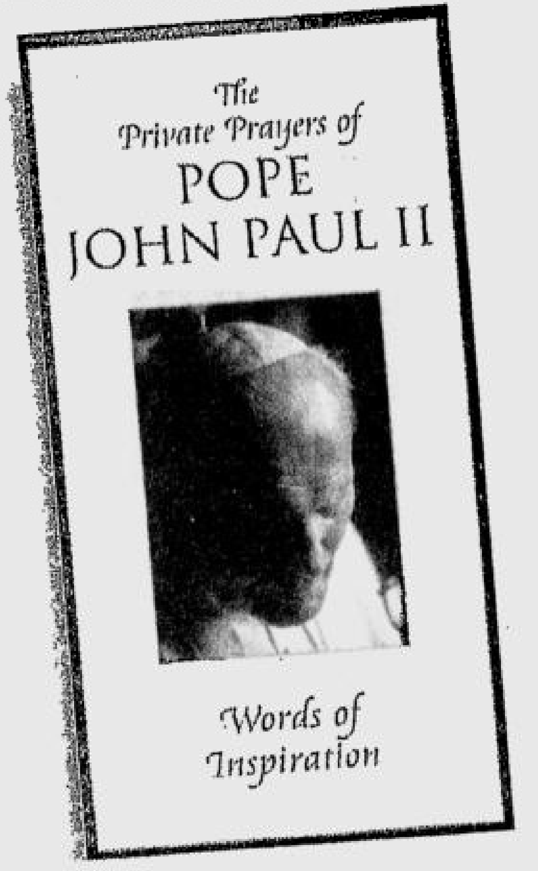
Small as the book may be, it pours fourth in overflowing amounts the Pope's great love and appreciation for the members of the secular institutes. Oftentimes, the Catholic faithful have had to rely on the priests and other Church leaders, but here the Pope addresses them personally and expresses what he perceives to be their important mission.

He stresses that the Church cannot stand with the clergy and members of the religious orders alone. Calling on lay people from all walks of life, the Pope exhorts them to perform their everyday tasks under a new understanding: That these are for the Lord and His Church. He calls upon them to follow the examples of the carpenter Joseph and his wife Mary, who quietly and trustingly accepted their respective roles, and were made more holy by them.

The lay members of the secular institutes, according to the Pope, are the leaven and salt with which to change the Catholic Church from within, transforming it into a shining light of Jesus Christ amid a world that loses itself in finite affairs.

In "Private Prayers," the Pope invites the members of the laity to constantly renew their relationship with God through prayer. The Church is steadfast as long as every state of life—married, single or religious—is united with one another in a communion akin to Christ's marriage to his Church. It is through prayer that more vocations can germinate, and it is through prayer that hope remains in people's hearts, overwhelming as the task may seem.

"Private Prayers" does not give the Catholic faithful the role of hierarchy. Rather, it awakens them to a fact long disregarded. The members of the laity are not just sheep; their presence is essential. As John Paul himself says in one of the entries, "Jesus Christ needs you to build His Kingdom on earth."



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UP awards 20 writing fellowships

LIKHAAN: The UP Creative Writing Center has awarded 20 fellowships to the 40th UP National Writers' Workshop from April 1-14 at Hotel Veneracion (the former Hotel Salome), Baguio City. The workshop theme is "Ang Manunulat Bilang Manggagawa."

The fellows are: Adam Julian A. David, Faye V. Ilogon, Anna Felicia C. Sanchez and Rachelle Tesoro (fiction in English); Jeffrey M. Espiritu, Ricardo P. Fernando, Vladimeir B. Gonzales and Marlon M. Villegas (fiction in Filipino); Ime Aznar, Jeneen R. Garcia, Francis L. Martinez and Rodrigo V. de la Peña Jr. (poetry in English); Reagan R. Maiquez, Beverly W. Siy and Joseph Rosmon M. Tuazon (poetry in Filipino) Josephine Baui (drama); Estelito B. Jacob and Zaldy M. Manrique (poetry in Bikol); and Amibell B. Corpuz (fiction in Iluko) and Ariel S. Tabag (poetry in Iluko).

The Baguio Workshop will be directed by the much-awarded fictionist and poet Ariel S. Agcaoili. Members of the teaching panel are the CWC Associates, all distinguished writers and professors at the UP: Gemino H. Abad, Virgilio S. Almario, José Y. Dalisay Jr., J. Neil C. Garcia, Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo (UP Creative Writing Center Director), Anton M. Juan Jr., Domingo G. Landicho, Victor E.C. Nadera, Jun Cruz Reyes and Lilia Quindoza Santiago.

CWC resident fellows José F. Lacaba, Marra PL. Lanot, Charlson L. Ong, Carla M. Pacis and Rene O. Villanueva will also be part of the teaching panel; as will CWC Advisers Amelia Lapeña-Bonifacio and Bienvenido L. Lumbera

Guest panelist Carlos O. Aureus, who is also the CWC National Fellow for Fiction, for 2002-2003, will deliver his fellowship lecture during the workshop's first week, and Butch Macansantos of the Philippine Literary Arts Circle (PLAC) will deliver a lecture on "Sinai Hamada" during the second week, as part of the PLAC Lecture Series.

The writing fellows should call Tony Serrano at 922-1[illegible]30 (CWC) or Workshop coordinator Ralph [illegible]. Galan at (0917) 411-0854, as soon as possible, to confirm attendance and receive instructions.

Biography of Visayan patriot to be launched

THE NATIONAL Historical Institute (NHI), with the Central Philippine University, will launch Demy P. Sonza's book, "Adriano Hernandez: A Hero in War and in Peace," tomorrow, 3 p.m., at the NHI Resource Center, 2/F NHI Building, T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila.

Dr. Serafin D. Quiason, NHI's former chair and presently a member of its board, and consultant of the Lopez Museum, will give a review of the book. He will be introduced by Dr. Pablo S. Trillana III of the NHI.

The book is the biography of Adriano Hernandez y Dayot, general of the Revolution and chief of staff of the Filipino army in Panay during the Filipino-American War. He was elected delegate to the First Philippine Assembly in 1907 and governor of Iloilo in 1912. In 1916, he became the first Filipino director of agriculture. Among his many projects was the establishment of the Sta. Barbara and Agarian Irrigation Systems in Iloilo in the 1920s.

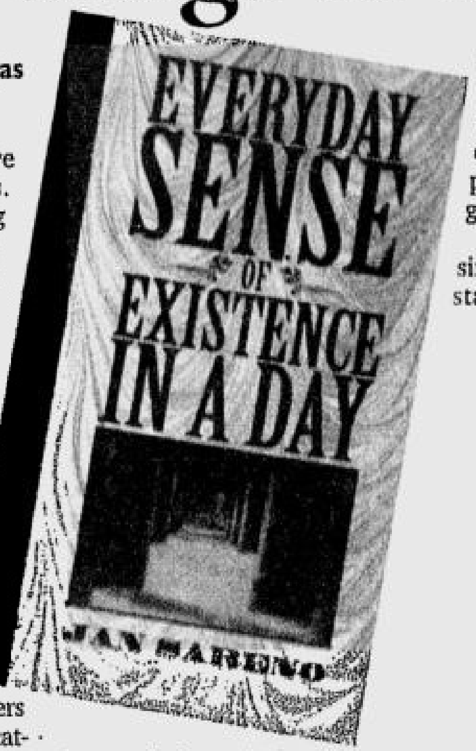
More than the biography of Hernandez, the book is about the saga of Iloilo and Western Visayas. It traces the opening of Iloilo as an international port, the sugar boom that followed, the birth of the Reform Movement, the spread of the revolution against Spain the resistance against the United States, and the flowering of Ilonggo arts and letters. The book also includes an introduction by former Vice President of the Republic and chair of the Philippine Centennial Commission Salvador H. Laurel.

Sonza is one of the more prolific Filipino historians and biographers. Among his books are "Visayan Fighters for Freedom," "Mightier than the Sword: Biography of Graciano Lopez Jaena" and "Sugar is Sweet: The Story of Nicholas Loney." He is now consultant to the president of Central Philippine University, the only university in Panay recently declared fully autonomous by the Commission on Higher Education.

Giving wings to dreams and noble ambitions

By Stephen Roy O. Chua-Rojas
Contributor

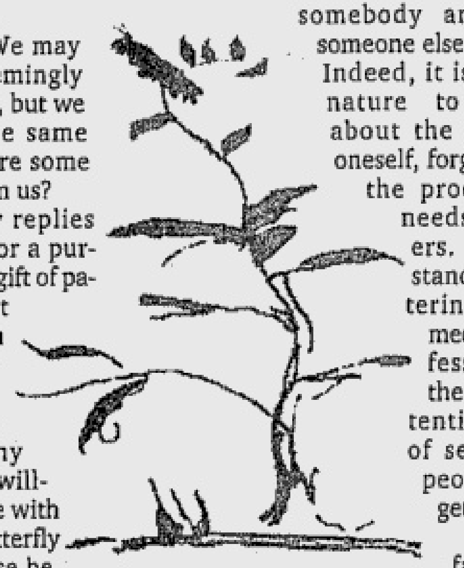
REVIEW



THERE are times when we feel life is meaningless. We thirst for something more. We want a rest from the hassles of life in order to reflect on the purpose of existence. Perhaps this is the time to take a break and reach for this book titled "Everyday Sense of Existence in a Day" by Jan Sareno (UST Publishing House [731-3522, 731-3101 loc. 8252, 8278]).

This book is a modern fable, for it features a caterpillar and a butterfly that converse about the meaning of life in very simple terms. Leafing through "Everyday Sense," one remembers "Hope for the Flowers," about a caterpillar who realizes that he is meant to be a butterfly to propagate the flowers, instead of vainly climbing a tower of misplaced ambition. The difference is that Sareno embeds the conversation between the creatures with nuggets of wisdom.

The caterpillar is filled with questions. He asks of the butterfly why the latter has wings. We may smile at this seemingly childish question, but we too may ask the same question: why are some people better than us?



The butterfly replies that wings are for a purpose, they are "a gift of patience." And that wings carry with them great responsibility.

The caterpillar also asks why the butterfly is willing to spend time with him. And the butterfly says, it is because he, too, was once a caterpillar. He says it is essential to understand that dreams are tangible and can be achieved when they are not dreamed alone. "We will have a deeper sense of dreaming if we dream with somebody, if we dream for somebody," says the butterfly.

An interesting issue is who are one's enemies. The butterfly says the greater danger is to face the enemy within. He explains that when one becomes selfish in pursuing a dream, the dream ceases to be an inspiration. Dreams, he emphasizes, should be pursued with somebody and with someone else in mind. Indeed, it is human nature to dream about the best for oneself, forgetting in the process the needs of others. For instance, in entering the medical profession, is the basic intention to be of service to people or to get rich?

The fable also tackles the ways of change. Change is inevitable; it isn't pleasant, either, but necessary to provide a motor to realize one's dream. Other aspects of life tackled include sharing one's resources, the primary reason for being rewarded, accepting the wages of age, living prayerfully, and accepting death gracefully.

The book is deceptively simple but provocative. For instance, the butterfly describes dreams as "a spark of infinity" and underscores the importance of prayer for one to see beyond oneself and to fulfill one's dream. In the same vein, the butterfly says what is important is the quality, not the quantity, of existence: "Some creatures don't live long but it doesn't mean they have a little sense of existence."

No matter what stage of life you are in, be you a struggling caterpillar or a butterfly in flight, this book gives a lot of valuable insights that are simply too good to pass up. Sareno, a graduate of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties and the dean of Philosophy of the Seminario de San Jose in Puerto Princesa City, has captured the essence of living a full life, of weaving dreams and reaching for noble ambitions.

Though one can finish the book in less than a day, the insights it yields are relevant to bringing greater meaning to one's life.

New feminist books

THE UP Press and the UP Center for Women's Studies will launch "Gender-Sensitive and Feminist Methodologies" (2002 edition), edited by Sylvia H. Guerrero, "Rape, Love and Sexuality: The Construction of Women in Discourse" by Sylvia Estrada-Claudio and "Home Body Memory: The Feminine as Feminist 'Elsewhere'" by Flaudette May V. Datuin.

"Gender-Sensitive and Feminist Methodologies" introduces research designs, techniques and methods relevant, even indigenous, to the Philippine situation. Guerrero is a sociologist and a professor of Community Development and Women's Studies at UP Diliman.

"Rape, Love and Sexuality: The Construction of Women in Discourse" investigates the Filipino culture's construction of the related concepts of sexuality, femininity and personality. It presents a discourse analysis of 70 news stories found in nine tabloids, 55 love letters and a chapter in a feminist book on women's health. Estrada-Claudio is associate professor of the Department of Women and Development Studies at UP.

"Home Body Memory: The Feminine as Feminist 'Elsewhere'" charts the itinerary of the history of Filipina artists in the visual arts, from the 19th century to the present. Datuin is assistant professor at the Department of Art Studies, UP Diliman.

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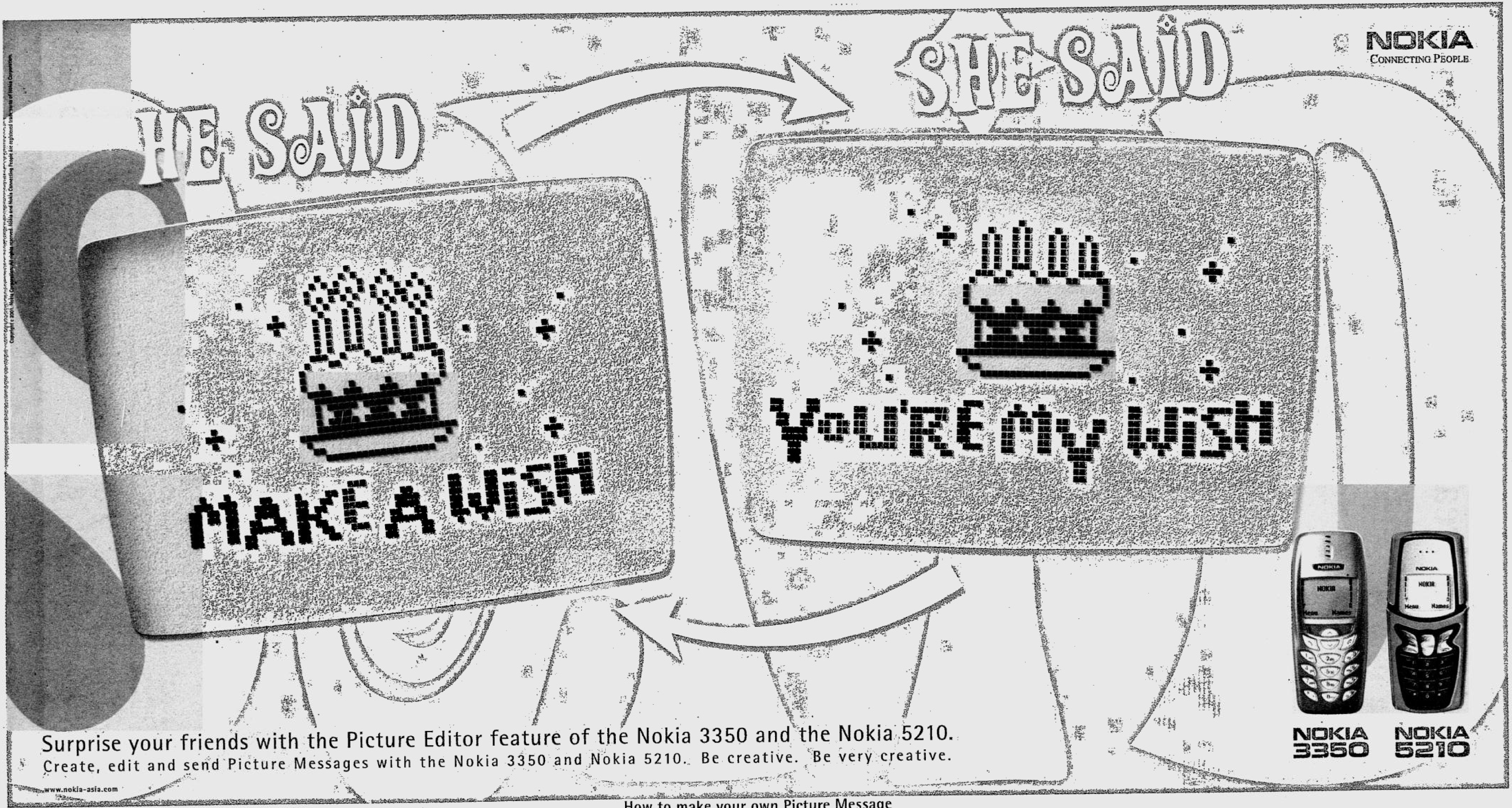
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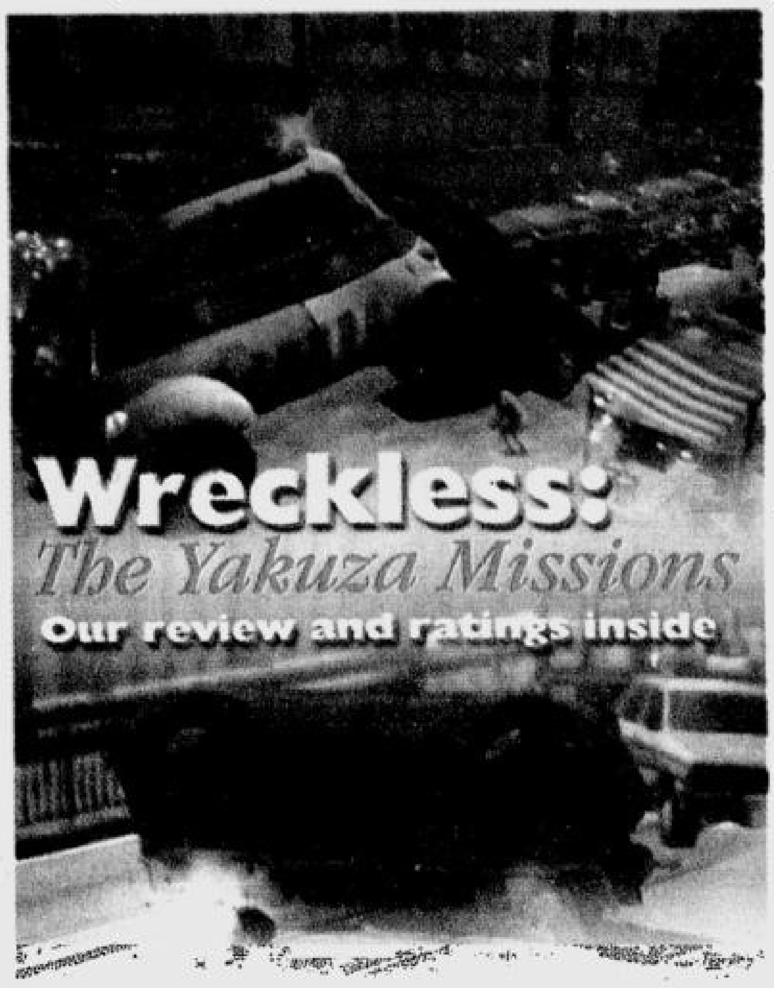

Intel pledges additional $100-M RP investment

By Joel D Pinaroc

INTEL Corp., the world's largest manufacturer of microprocessor products will be infusing an additional $100 million in investment in the Philippines for this year, executives of the company disclosed following a meeting with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang on Tuesday.

According to Paul Otellini, newly appointed president and chief operating officer of Intel, the additional fund will be used for beefing-up the local manufacturing sites of the US-based company.

During the said meeting, Otellini disclosed that Intel has re-affirmed its investment commitment in the Philippines, despite the prevailing global slowdown.

He said he also discussed with President Macapagal issues including costs of power provision, improvement of the existing infrastructure and policy concerns relevant to information technology (IT) locators operating in the Philippines.

He said the Chief Executive was supportive of Intel's investment plans and concerns related to the company's operations in the country.

The company currently operates a number of fabrication and test-and-assembly plants in Cavite and Makati, where Intel products such as Pentium processors and flash memory for cellular phones are being churned out.

It has a long-term investment commitment in the Philippines and one of the biggest IT locators

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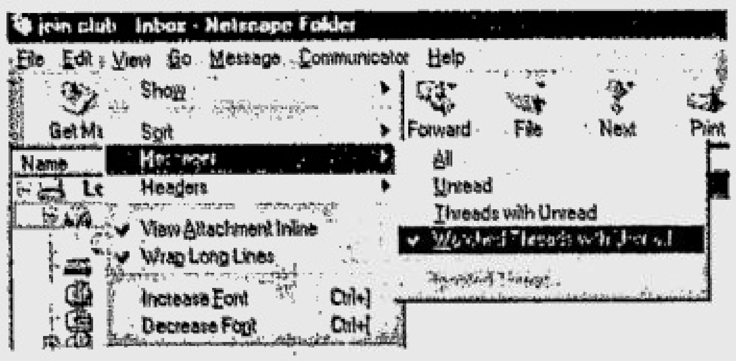

Monitoring message threads

By Jerry Liao

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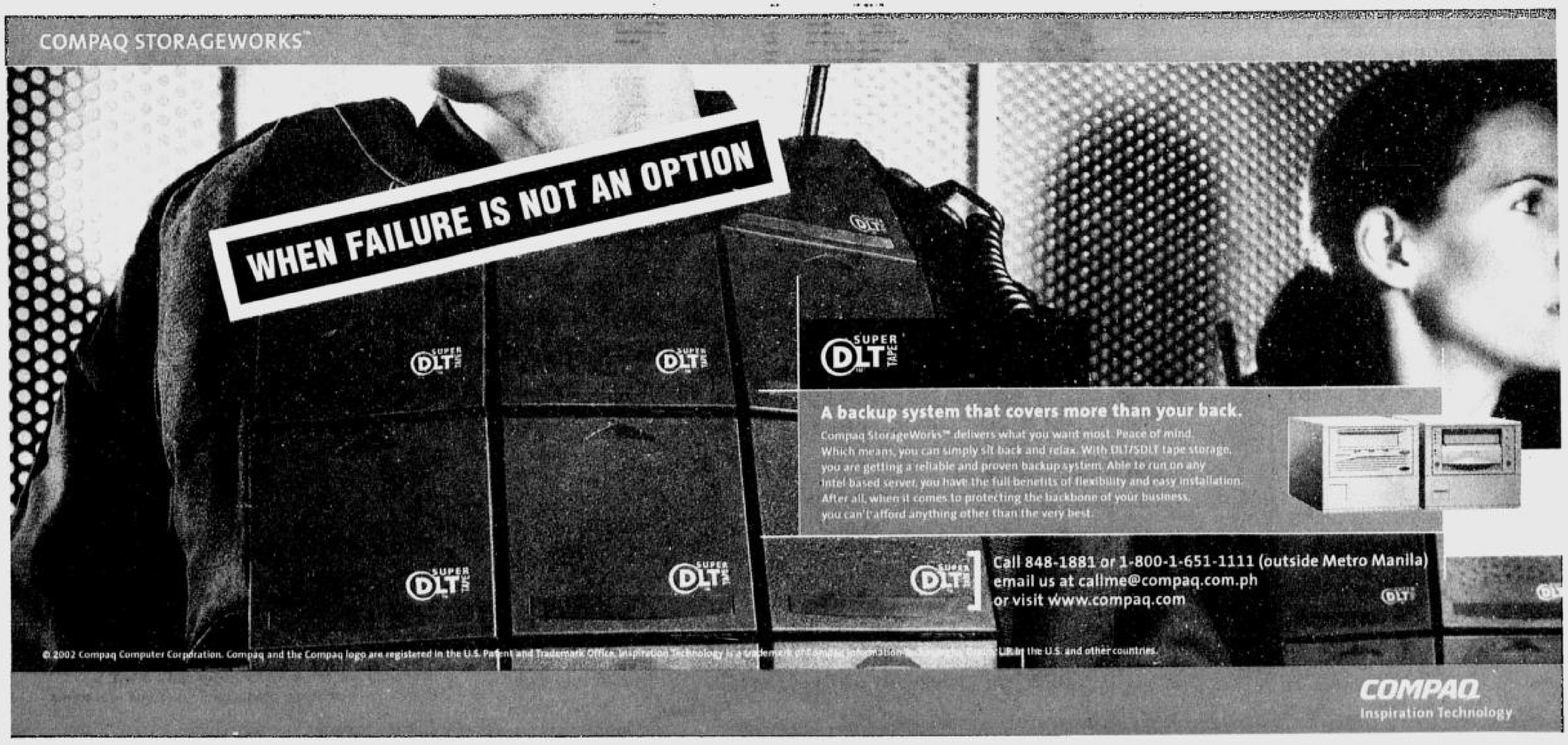

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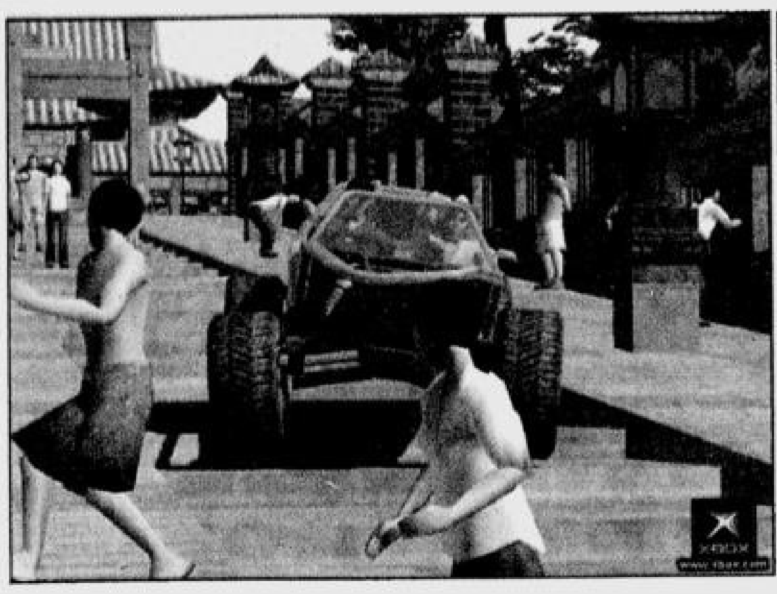

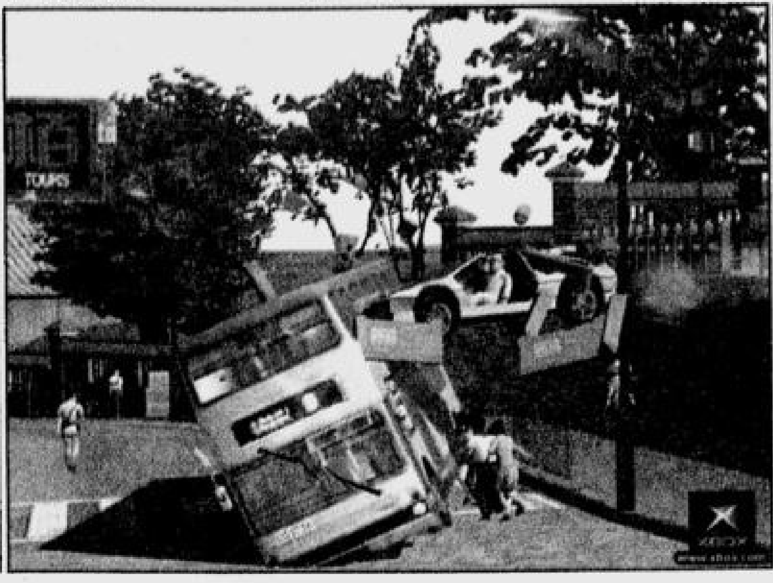

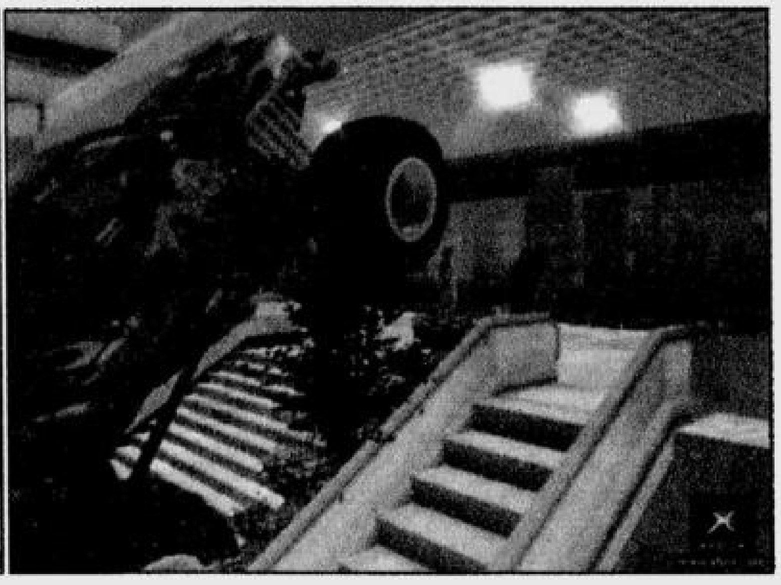

Wreckless: Get your license to wreck

By Joel D Pinaroc

PICTURE yourself in the middle of a high-speed police chase twisting and turning wildly through a heavily populated city where the streets are jampacked with pedestrians and the roads are loaded with traffic.

You are in the driver's seat of a four-wheel wrecking machine of your choice—from a sports car to a monster truck—with the goal of taking down your enemies at all cost. And as your quarry eludes you, the roads, the pedestrians and the vehicles react on impact with every smash and crash your vehicle makes with every ill-timed turn.

The action takes place in Hong Kong and you will be pitted against the dreaded Yakuza in several action-filled missions, where your driving skills are put to the test against enemy vehicles.

This is essentially the gameplay of "Wreckless: The Yakuza Missions," one of the latest titles for the Microsoft Xbox gaming console from Activision, which I had the chance to try out.

Wreckless is a combination of driving and mission-driven game. As the title suggests, you have to use your vehicle to take out those of your enemies. You have to bump and waylay your enemies into submission.

You can use "elements" of the busy city such as parked and moving cars and trucks, walls, islands, posts and buildings, among others, to do damage to enemy vehicles. Of course, it could be the other way around as enemies can pin you down or force you to slam directly into a concrete wall.

Enemy vehicles are wily and can easily turn the pursuit into a wild goose chase, with you doing most of the chasing, thanks to the excellent artificial intelligence (AI) powering the game bots.

Also, a good portion of the gameplay will require you to race against the clock. You have to have good driving skills as you navigate through a network of roads, and a good sense of timing to know when to hit the accelerator and when to hit the brakes and coast along.

The gameplay is not unique as

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[illegible]	**Replay value**—is this a game you can and would want to play over and over again?
7	**Ooomph**—that certain X-factor which makes you wanna own the game
7.5	**TOTAL**

'Wreckless' = demolition+ speed

By Leo Magno

"WRECKLESS: The Yakuza Missions" is probably the last Xbox game I am going to buy. Well, okay, probably after "Knockout Kings." The games simply are too expensive and some of them don't work. Either that or they hang often or are rejected by my console.

When you buy something for more than 3,000 bucks, you expect it to at least give you some gratification. Not! Especially when it hangs on your game console.

Half of the 11 games I have tried have kinks in them, some minor, some major. I have yet to determine the cause of it, but when you buy something this expensive, you expect it to perform well.

And so, even as we continue to review Xbox games here at Infotech, we also issue a warning. Caveat emptor. Buyer beware. Chances are you're getting Xbox consoles and games which were parallel imported, meaning you'll get little or no after-sales support after you buy the games or the console, chiefly because Microsoft Philippines has yet to officially introduce it in the Philippines.

Until then, I will refrain from buying games. Or until unofficial copies come out in Greenhills (read: pirated).

I will not pretend to condemn piracy at this point. But when you're offered a game worth P3,000 or more with the risk of it not working well either because of the game itself or because of the dang console, I would rather get the P300 version which might work but would still not make

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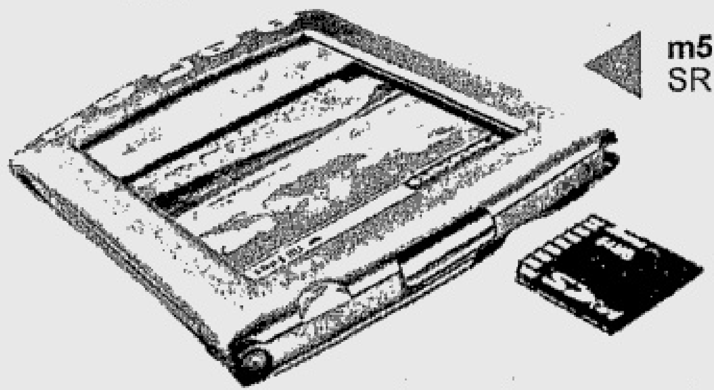

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After going low batt, Philips set to recharge cell phone business

By Leo Magno

DUTCH electronics company Philips recently outlined its mobile phone strategy for the Asia-Pacific market after outsourcing its cellular phone manufacturing business last year and almost hanging up on the mobile phone industry altogether.

Divesting its majority share on the cell phone manufacturing, research and development business to its Chinese partners, Philips is coming up with a focused sales and marketing strategy in the Asia Pacific, particularly the Chinese market.

In August last year, China overtook the number of cellular phone subscribers in the United States, becoming the largest mobile phone market in the world today.

Outsourcing manufacturing is not a new proposition for most IT companies. Sweden's Ericsson has pulled out of the wireless handset manufacturing business and transferred its operations to Flextronics in Singapore.

Finland's Nokia shifted some of its mobile phone manufacturing from US factories in Texas to facilities in Korea and Mexico. Electronic manufacturing facilities (EMF) are growing worldwide, with products like Palm's personal digital assistants, Microsoft's Xbox gaming console, Hewlett-Packard's printers and most cellular phone products now being produced by EMFs. In the case of Philips, its phones are manufactured by Shenzhen -based China Electronics Corp., a joint venture of which Philips now holds a minority share.

The idea is to channel funds from the actual manufacture of the product into a closer look at consumer needs, designing it according to consumer specifications and then using the remaining budget to market the product well.

Last year, Philips had to adopt such a strategy after losing $106 million in the first quarter of 2001. Its annual cell phone business growth dwindled from 73 percent in 1999 to 49 percent in 2000 to -6 percent in 2001. Somewhere between 70 and 80 million unsold Philips cell phones were stuck in the channel.

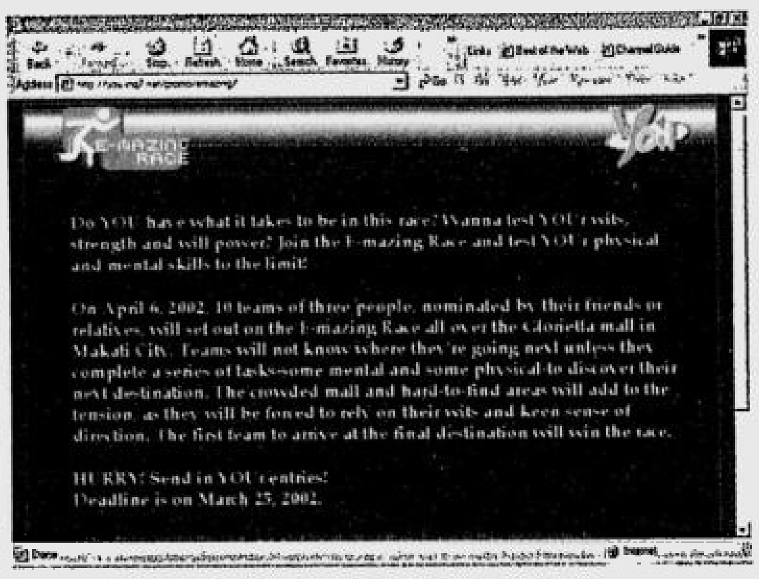
Other European cell phone manufacturers like Alcatel and Ericsson were almost pushed out of the handset business as the 30.6-percent global market share of industry leader Nokia of Finland continued to grow.

With the overcrowded market in Europe, Philips is now focusing on Asia. After almost running out of battery charge in the cell phone market last year, Philips is back with three new cell phone models for 2002. Why the return? The cell phone market is seen to reach 1.6 billion units by 2005, and worldwide penetration rate is seen to increase to 24 percent by 2005 from last year's 14-percent figure. Not all of this growth, however, will come from new subscribers as replacement or churn sales are seen to make up 75 percent of cell phone sales in 2005.

"We've been away for a while but we're back with a change," said Philips Consumer Communications Asia Pacific general manager Alan Sparks. "Last year there was a shake-up in Philips' cellular phone business as well as in the entire industry in general, but we see high growth in emerging markets."

In outlining the future of the wireless connectivity market, Sparks said the demand for new consumer electronic devices will follow the growth of high-end digital consumer devices. He said that there will be more than a billion wireless devices by the year 2005, more than half of which will be connected wirelessly by Bluetooth. In the middle of this unwired storm is the reason why Philips has become active anew in the cell phone business.

"The cellular phone is still selling worldwide and is becoming the ubiquitous mobile device for personal use and, in the future, for entertainment," Sparks said, adding that this is all part of the wider business strategy of Philips to focus on the emerging wireless connectivity market.



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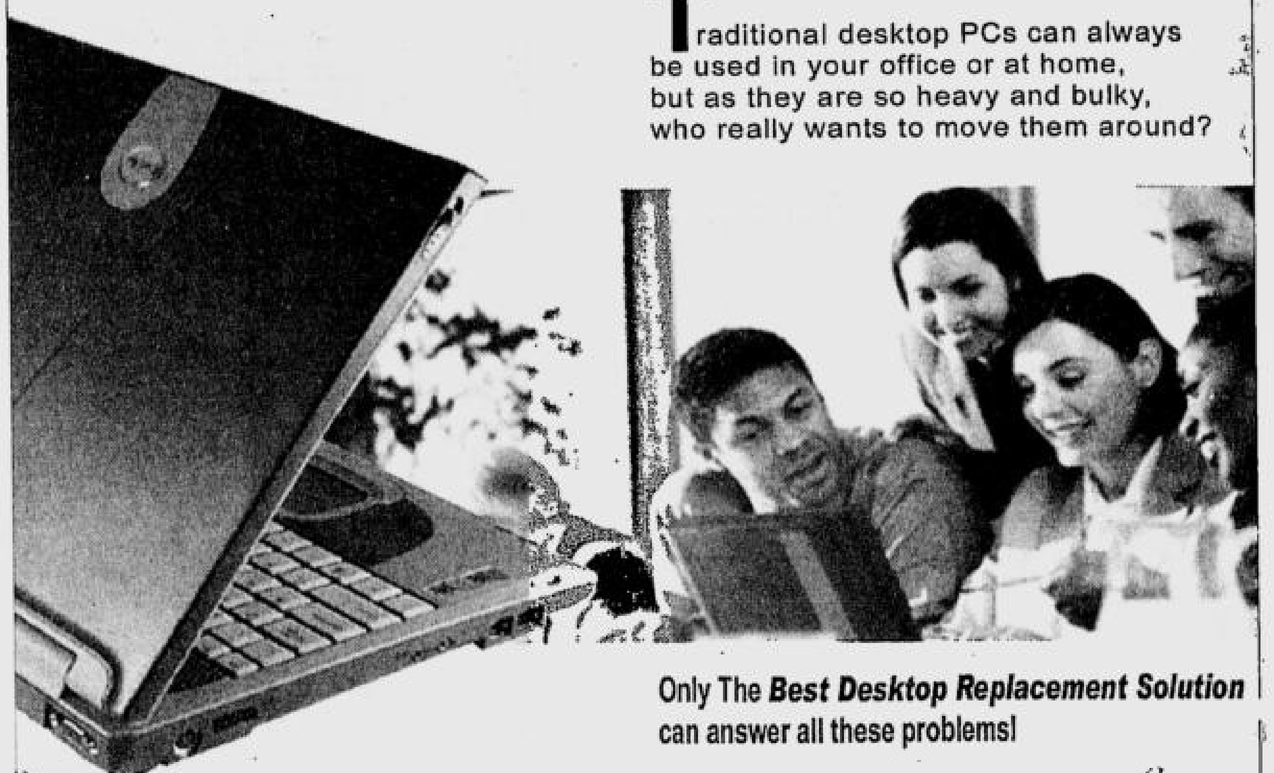

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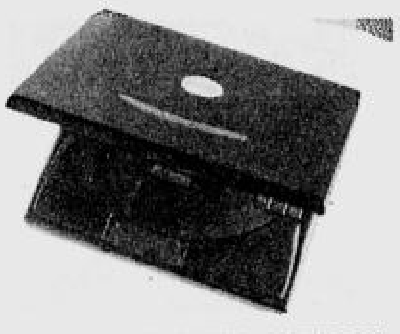

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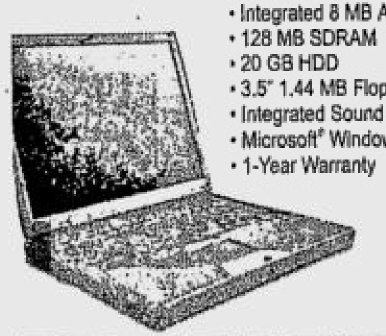

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Local ISPs cooperate to fight hacking in RP

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
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PHILIPPINE Internet service providers are cooperating among themselves to battle hacking activities in the country, according to Philippine Internet Service Organization (Piso) president Fernando Contreras Jr. Piso is the biggest organization of Internet service providers in the Philippines.

"Each will share information with the intention of catching these hackers," Contreras said in an interview.

Contreras said that Piso is working with the Philippine Computer Emergency Response Team (PH-CERT) on the finer details of the cooperation.

"It is going to be a 'coo-petition' (cooperation and competition) among ISPs," Contreras said.

PH-CERT, a non-profit Internet security organization, has been wanting to help the Internet firms set up a team that will act in response to Internet-related attacks by malicious hackers, according to PH-CERT interim president Albert de la Cruz in an earlier interview.

The incident response teams (IRTs) are expected to be the "first people on the scene" following an attack, De la Cruz said.

PH-CERT has offered to provide training and resources to IRTs.

Contreras also said that Piso is working with the National Bureau of Investigation on its campaign against malicious hackers.

Incidentally, in the wake of the disclosure of Piso's plans, Team AsianPride member "dcoder" has once again announced the defacement of another website of a local company selling hotdogs and other meat products.

The cracker on Tuesday modified the home page of what appears to be a company website of Purefoods Corp., a company now under the Ayala Group.

In the Web address at http://server.purefoods.com.ph was the cracker's message, indicating that the company's "server got rooted by a Script kiddie, duh!"

The Purefoods home page at www.pfc.com.ph was also inaccessible as of Thursday.

Dcoder has earned the ire of local ISPs as he goes on defacing websites hosted by these companies. Among the websites he has defaced include that of local mobile network operator Globe Telecom, also a company under the Ayala conglomerate.

Dcoder; who claims to be a white hat, (a term given to hackers whose intentions are not malicious) earlier stressed that Team AsianPride's website defacement spree is intended to show the system vulnerabilities of local Internet service providers.

'Wreckless' = demolition + speed

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me feel sorry for an expensive purchase which turned out to be a lemon.

Wooh. Now that that's out of the way, allow me to become schizophrenic like John Nash and say that I enjoyed playing Wreckless.

Like most of the Xbox games we've played so far, the shining point of this game is its graphics. The details are great—you'd see the vehicles suffer damages after each crash, much more than you'd see in "Project Gotham Racing." You'd see the driver turn the steering wheel in the direction you control it to take, you'd see the plate number fly off, a bumper fall off, a fender smashing to smithereens and the hood flying off of the vehicle in spectacular crashes. But unlike Project Gotham, Wreckless has a totally uninspired soundtrack.

Project Gotham's audio is much better, but Wreckless is a much deeper game compared to the straight-out racing game offered by Project Gotham.

Plus, the replay mode is excellent. You get to see yourself smash the roads of Hong Kong and the Yakuza cars in MTV style—sometimes they're in full living color, or black and white, or embossed or cartoon-style like the video of A-Ha's "Take on Me." All of them in fast, varying camera angles which zoom in and out and pan like crazy.

Wreckless is not just a racing game. It's an action driving game that has several missions in it, and you get to play two teams of characters. The first is a couple of airhead females trying to smash Yakuza cars running around Hong Kong, and the other is a couple of airhead males trying to smash Yakuza cars running around Hong Kong. Yes, they sound the same but the missions are different, but they're all airheads.

However, we wish there were more missions in the game (it only has four per set of characters) and more cars (which you get to unlock after completing each mission).

To be honest, I haven't beaten the game yet, having completed only two of the four missions, but I've played Wreckless again and again without getting bored, meaning it has a high replay value.

Once you remember that people in Hong Kong drive on the left side of the freakin' road, you begin to appreciate the physics engine embedded in the game.

However, it sometimes gets too realistic, resulting in spins and fishtails when you make a sharp turn or brake too fast, in which case you get stuck and run out of time to complete the mission.

But aside from the car's controls, the physics engine's beauty is made manifest by the destruction you cause on the streets. Hit a dimsum stand and it shatters into smithereens. Drive toward a waiting shed or bus stop and see it demolished while people run for their lives (no, you can't run people down in this game; no blood and shattered bones since the game has a "Teen" rating). Hit a car head-on and watch broken glass fly while both vehicles spin or turn turtle as they suffer damages. Broadside a double-decker commuter bus and watch the passengers alight from the bus and run for their lives.

In other words, the incidental details of this game are all interactive; they're not just there as a backdrop. This gives the game a certain element of fun—the destruction aspect of it. It's the same reason why people flock to movies like "Pearl Harbor" or "Titanic" or "ID4"—they want to see mass destruction. And in this game, you are the one who causes the mayhem.

The game is a bit hard to control without a steering wheel, which makes its Playability rating low. So overall, a grade of 7.5 out of 10 makes Wreckless a more-than-average buy.

But, like I said earlier, if you're getting your games from the gray market or before issues about the Xbox console's kinks are finally addressed by Microsoft, caveat emptor.

Wreckless: Get your...

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there are similar titles from earlier gaming consoles under this gaming genre. The details and interactivity of the game, however, is what separates it from earlier titles.

The visual details are simply stunning. From more than 20 vehicles that you will encounter to the numerous "elements" found in a busy city, the graphics are clear and defined.

These elements are interactive and are not mere passive objects, increasing the excitement and realism of the gameplay. Go toward the direction of pedestrians and you'll see them dodge your vehicle.

Slam into a double-decker bus and you'll see passengers disembarking and running for their lives.

Slam into another vehicle if you happen to land on a one-way street and you'll see smoke billowing from the wreck.

You will even see the dents and scratches in your vehicle, as a result of the high-speed pursuit. Speaking of vehicles, you can choose among a number of them to use against your enemies. Your choice could spell the difference between failure and success as some missions will require you to drive more, while others will require you to engage your enemies in a demolition derby.

In terms of playability, I would have preferred that the directional pad be used to control your vehicle. The thumb stick is a bit sensitive and in the first few tries of playing the game you will find yourself spending a good deal of the game familiarizing yourself with the game controls. I haven't tried a steering wheel for the Xbox, but I'm sure it would be more exciting to have a real wheel with force-feedback for this game.

I would have also preferred that more missions be added to Wreckless to complement the two storylines found in the game.

Again, let me stress that the gameplay of Wreckless is not new. But thanks to the sheer power of the Xbox platform, Wreckless is a very good title for speed junkies wanting to experience the thrill of the chase and the excitement of a demolition derby in the safety of their living rooms.

Intel pledges...

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and exporters operating in the country, employing thousands of employees since establishing its first manufacturing plant in the Philippines in 1975.

Intel has invested a total of $13 billion in the Philippines, spent mostly in setting up local test-and-assembly facilities.

Otellini also said the company will continue its investment thrusts in Asia, despite experiencing a downturn in processor sales in the last year due to the prevailing global economic slowdown.

"Despite having 2001 as the first down unit year since 1985, Intel will continue investing in Asia. We are set to establish more offices and more manufacturing sites in key Asian countries," said Otellini, who is on a four-nation trip in Asia.

The company spent $13 billion in Asia in establishing wafer fabrication plants in key Asian cities on top of the $4 billion it invested in research and development last year.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 employees working at Intel's assembly and test plant in Makati will be affected by the ongoing streamlining efforts in the Philippines, Robin Martin, general manager of Intel manufacturing in the Philippines told reporters Tuesday.

In an interview, the official confirmed that the chip manufacturer is moving all its assembly and test operations to its facilities in Cavite.

Martin said that the Makati employees would be given an option to leave Intel or join operations in Cavite.

Employees wishing to transfer to Cavite are, however, not assured of a job, according to a source. The more than 1,000 employees have until April to decide, the source added.

The two plants in Cavite currently handle the manufacture of microprocessors, chip sets and its latest flash memory products, Martin said.

The Makati facility, which previously houses the manufacture of Intel's flash memory products, now houses the company's design operations and the sales and marketing team. Martin added that the Makati plant would serve as a "telecommuting hub" for its workers.

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